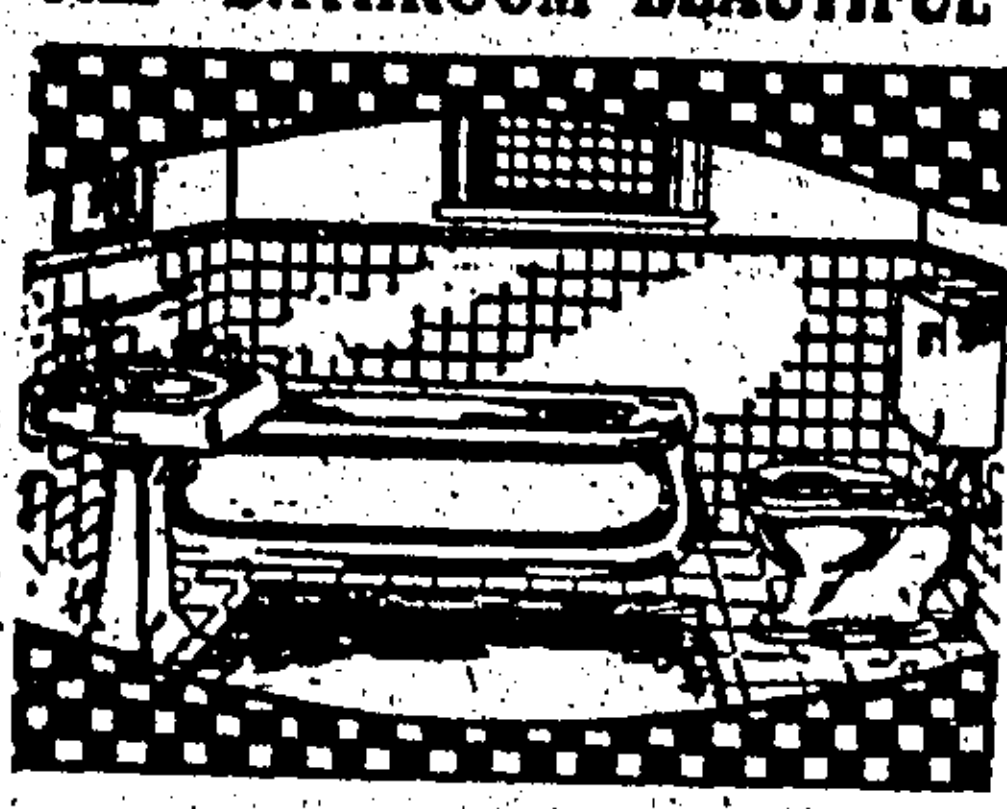


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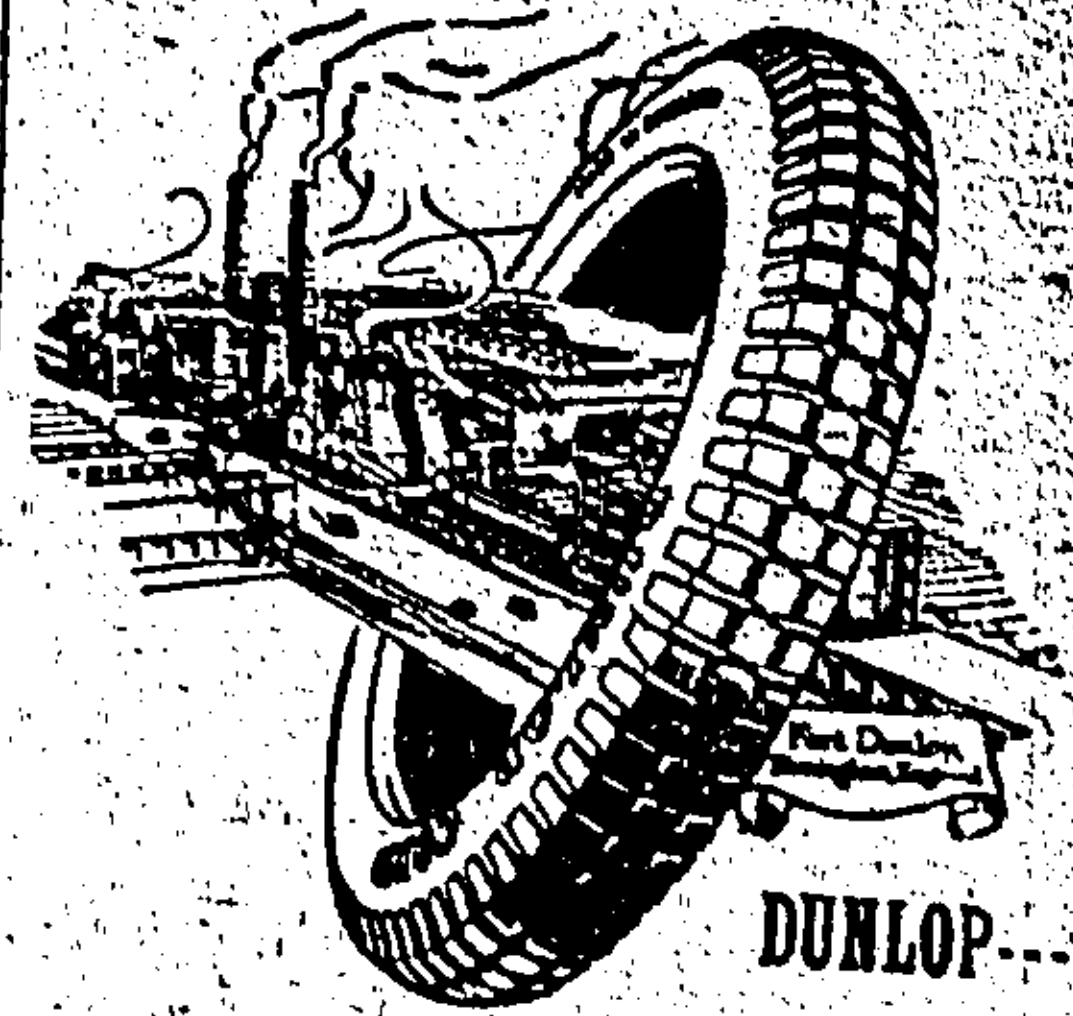


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## RIFT IN STEAMBOAT COMPANY.

### ALL CHINESE DIRECTORS RESIGN.

#### LIVELY DISCUSSION ON THE FARMING SYSTEM.

#### OUTSPOKEN SPEECHES.

A serious split between the European and Chinese directors of the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Company, arising from the policy of farming out the Chinese freight and passenger business of the company's steamers, was the subject of lively discussion at an extraordinary general meeting held this morning.

The meeting was called on a requisition by leading shareholders, headed by Sir Robert Ho Tung, and his fellow Chinese directors, who urged a change of farmer, or that the Company run its steamers on its own account.

In a circular issued by Sir Robert Ho Tung, it was pointed out that Mr. Woo Hay-tong, the present farmer, had made good profits, with which he had built up and consolidated his position as a ship-owner. Out of the profits, Mr. Woo Hay-tong has founded the Tung On Steamship Company, and built the Tung On and the Sai On, which constitute a direct opposition to the company's steamers.

The discussion lasted more than an hour, several speeches being delivered, after which the resolutions were put to the meeting and carried by 24 votes to 22.

The Chairman indicated the Directors' disapproval and ordered that a poll be taken on June 24.

#### CHAIRMAN DEMANDS A POLL.

The Secretary read the notice convening the extraordinary general meeting, the Chairman (Mr. C. Gordon Mackie) pointing out that it had been convened by shareholders. He called upon Sir Robert Ho Tung to propose such resolutions as he wanted to, providing they were confined to the general tenor of the meeting.

##### Three Resignations.

Sir Robert Ho Tung said:—Gentlemen.—In rising to propose the Resolution standing in my name on the agenda, I feel I can be very brief, because I have taken the liberty of addressing to you all a circular letter, in which I have endeavored to set out the history of the matter which culminated in my having felt compelled to resign from my position as a director of this company, which I had held for over 15 years, and in the resignations of Messrs. Li Tse-fong and M. K. Lo from their positions as directors.

##### Desire For Peace.

Gentlemen, as most of you know, I am an ardent advocate of peace, and my desire for peace has but increased with my age—now of over three score years. You will realise that nothing but an impelling and compelling sense of duty could have driven me to take a step which had the effect of severing my long relationship with the directorate of the company, and which has entailed on me worry and anxiety which my indifferent health can no longer bear. I hope therefore you will believe me when I say that I had no other interest in view than that of the shareholders of the company, and that I have done what I did because of my conviction that the continued policy of the company is detrimental to its interest and that it is imperative for the welfare of the company that a radical change should be made.

Since I have issued my circular letter I am glad to say that many shareholders of different nationalities have signified their approval of my views and have given to me proxies, which, including those of my own holding represent 47,228 shares out of the total of 80,000 shares of the company.—(Applause)—or, in other words, a substantial majority of the entire shareholding of the company, and I should imagine an overwhelming majority in the representation at this meeting. These shares do not include those of shareholders residing in Europe and elsewhere, to whom, because of the shortness of

time, I have not been able to forward my circular letter.

##### Suicidal Competition.

I hope and believe that, if you will signify your approval of the Resolution which I propose, the company and other interested parties will be able to work, not in suicidal competition, but upon some mutually satisfactory understanding. All we ask is that the company should be captain of its own ships and master of its own destiny. We want to live and let live. We, at any rate, are not going to initiate a freight war. We stand for peace. (Applause). But if other interested parties would not permit us to conduct our business as to extricate the company from its present position, which has to depend for its future prosperity, and indeed its existence, upon a powerful competitor, whose strength goes on increasing from year to year, I, for one, say that to preserve peace at such a price is unthinkable. (Applause) and were the company to do so its future would be hopeless.

##### Lloyd George Quoted.

It may be a little melodramatic to refer to the Great War when our minds are centred upon the more mundane problem of business and dividends, but some words from a speech made by Mr. Lloyd George at the Queen's Hall in September 1914 often come to my mind. On this question they served to help me to reach the conclusion at which I have arrived, and with your permission I would like to quote them to you:

"May I tell you in a simple parable what I think this war is doing for us? I know a valley in North Wales, between the mountain and the sea. It is a beautiful valley, snug, comfortable, sheltered by the mountains from all the bitter blasts. But it is very enervating, and I remember how the boys were in the habit of climbing the hill above the village to have a glimpse of the great mountains in the distance, and to be stimulated and freshened by the breezes which came from the hills, and by the spectacle of their grandeur."

"We have been living in a sheltered valley for generations. We have been too comfortable and too indulgent, many perhaps, too selfish, and the stern hand of fate has scourged us to an elevation where we can see the everlasting things that matter for a nation—the great peaks we had forgotten of Honour, Duty, Patriotism, and, clad in glittering white, the towering pinnacle of Sacrifice, pointing

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## VOTE OF CENSURE ON DIRECTORS.

### STEAMBOAT COMPANY REPORT.

#### MR. M. K. LO AND AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT.

##### THE ANNUAL MEETING.

A resolution tantamount to a vote of censure on the directors was moved by Mr. M. K. Lo and approved by the shareholders at the ordinary general meeting of the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Company, Limited, this morning.

Mr. Lo complained that the annual report contained a statement calculated to mislead the shareholders, and asked that strong disapproval of the conduct of the directors be registered.

In surveying the Company's position, the Chairman, Mr. C. Gordon Mackie said that present indications pointed to a reduction in competitive tonnage in the near future if the Directors' policy regarding the farming out of the Chinese business was continued. This was the subject of the extraordinary general meeting subsequently held.

##### Chairman's Speech.

Addressing shareholders, the Chairman said:—Gentlemen.—The report and statement of accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1929, have been in your hands for the prescribed period, and with your permission I will follow the usual procedure and take them as read.

Net profit for the year under review, after deducting cost of repairs to steamers and wharves, depreciation, interest on overdraft and Directors' and Auditors' fees amounts to \$106,797.27, to which has to be added the balance brought forward from last account, viz. \$36,600.83, making the total sum available for appropriation \$143,398.10.

Your Directors have pleasure in recommending payment of a dividend of \$1.50 per share, absorbing \$120,000, payment of a bonus to office staff amounting to \$4,175 and that the balance of \$19,123.10 be carried forward to a new account. Your fleet and property have been maintained in first-class condition.

##### Sui Tai Fire Recalled.

Turning to the balance sheet, under Liabilities you will observe that Insurance and Underwriting Account shows a net reduction of \$17,980.17, due to debiting this account with a proportion of the loss sustained through the fire on the Sui Tai in August, 1928, the bulk of which was, however, recovered from underwriters.

Under Pension and Provident Funds, you will have noticed that the Office Staff Provident Fund has this year been omitted from the balance sheet, which has been done at the suggestion of your auditors, who advise that as this Fund is held by the Company under Deed of Trust for the staff it is preferable that it should be kept distinct from the Company's accounts.

##### Value of Fleet.

On the assets side of the balance sheet, the value of the fleet has been written up by an amount of \$54,000, on account of reconditioning the Sui Tai subsequent to the fire, and depreciation has been provided for on the usual scale. Special repairs, in the nature of capital expenditure, to the Canton steamers wharf at Hongkong added to the sum of \$15,000 added to Wharves and Moorings.

Investments in shares in public companies stand at \$835,146.50 as against \$891,431.00 in the previous balance sheet, but the difference is merely due to the omission from this year's balance sheet of securities held in trust for the Office Staff Provident Fund, which I have already referred to, and there is actually an appreciation in value of the Company's investments as at 31st December 1929, amounting to \$13,183.50.

It is satisfactory to note an improvement in the cash position, the credit balance with the Bank at the end of the year being \$13,009.40 as against an overdraft on 31st December 1928 of \$59,696.81.

##### Future Prospects.

Trade on the Company's routes during the year has been steady and

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## LIBERAL BREACH DISCUSSION.

### CHIEF WHIP RESIGNS AND RELENTS.

#### DISCIPLINE STEPS.

London, Mar. 3.

Mr. Lloyd George to-day emphatically denied that he had any intention of resigning his leadership of the Liberal Party.

He stated that he had been handed the resignation of the Chief Whip, Sir Robert Hutchison, as a protest against the action of the Liberals who refused to follow Mr. Lloyd George on the Coal Bill division.

Mr. Lloyd George added that he hoped to secure the withdrawal of the resignation.

Later, "Shadow Cabinet" was held in the House of Commons to-day under the chairmanship of Mr. Lloyd George. The anti-L. G. Liberals were not present.

It was decided that if a further appeal for unity, which is to be made at a meeting of the Liberal Parliamentary Party on March 4, be disregarded, whips will no longer be sent to those failing to keep in line with the Parliamentary Party's decision.

Sir George Hutchison agreed to hold over his resignation pending to-morrow's meeting. It was also decided to recommend to the meeting that the Coal Bill be fought to a finish.—*Reuter.*

### BRITISH NAVAL CHIEF.

#### SIR FREDERICK FIELD GIVEN HIGH POST.

London, Mar. 3.

The Admiralty announces that the King has approved the appointment of Admiral Sir Frederick Field to be Lord Commissioner of the Admiralty and Chief of the Naval Staff in succession to Admiral of the Fleet Sir Charles Madden, the appointment to date from about 1st July.

Sir Charles Madden has held the post since 1927. Admiral Sir Frederick Field is at present Commander-in-Chief of the Mediterranean Fleet.—*British Wireless.*

### INDIA'S HOLDING OF SILVER.

#### BIG INCREASE IN RESERVE SINCE LAST YEAR.

London, Mar. 3.  
In the House of Commons, at question time, Mr. Wedgwood Benn, the Secretary of State for India, stated that the Government of India's silver holding in currency reserve on February 22, 1930, amounted to 10,722 lakhs of rupees, as compared with 10,447 lakhs at the end of March, 1927, 10,638 lakhs at the end of March, 1928, and 9,989 lakhs at the end of March, 1929.—*Reuter.*

### LEAGUE COVENANT'S LOOPHOLES.

#### COMMITTEE FAVOUR BRITISH PROPOSALS.

Geneva, Mar. 3.  
The Committee of Jurists appointed to consider the proposed amendments to the League of Nations Covenant, suggested by Great Britain, have agreed to various changes in favour of the settlement of disputes by pacific means only, thus harmonising the Covenant with the Kellogg-Brand Pact.—*Reuter.*

### THE INDIA RAILWAY STRIKE.

#### WORKERS DISPUTING RIGHTS OF THEIR UNION.

Bombay, Mar. 3.  
Despite the settlement effected by their negotiators on Saturday, the strikers on the Great India Peninsula Railway are disinclined to call off the strike. They challenge the competence of the All-India Railwaymen's Federation to be their spokesmen.—*Reuter.*

## KUOMINTANG BAN IN MALAYA.

### NO PROPAGANDA OR MEETINGS.

#### SIR CECIL CLEMENTI MEETS PARTY LEADERS.

##### A CHANGE OF POLICY.

As already briefly reported by cable from our Singapore correspondent, one of the first important actions taken by Sir Cecil Clementi as Governor and High Commissioner has been to declare that the Kuomintang, the Chinese political society, will not be allowed to function in Malaya.

The Kuomintang has been on the list of forbidden societies for some years, and at the time of intense anti-British feeling in China after the Shanghai and Canton riots the authorities suppressed it with rigour. A number of Chinese receiving fairly long sentences of imprisonment for being members of it.

##### Dramatic Change.

More recently there have been occasional prosecutions, but very light penalties have been inflicted, and the society has continued to exist with little or no attempt at concealment.

With the arrival of Sir Cecil Clementi, however, a dramatic change in policy has taken place, and His Excellency has met a number of leading Chinese residents at Government House and informed them that the Kuomintang must not hold meetings, publish propaganda, enrol members or collect subscriptions.

In his annual address to the Federal Council last November Sir Hugh Clifford said: "The Kuomintang has remained quiescent, but anti-British propaganda emanating from the Propaganda Department of its Central Bureau in Nanking continues to reach this country."

The Kuomintang is understood to have branches throughout Malaya, and some of the leading China-born Chinese residents of Singapore are members of it. Very large funds have been collected through its agency in Malaya and remitted to China for political and other purposes.

##### An Official Statement.

The following statement, which has been officially issued, explains the action that has been taken: "On Thursday afternoon His Excellency saw 17 members of the executive and supervising committee of the General Branch of the Kuomintang of Malaya."

"His object in so doing was to explain clearly the Malayan Government's policy towards the Kuomintang of Malaya, to which His Excellency's attention had been called on the day of his arrival by reports in the Chinese vernacular press stating that meetings of the Kuomintang had been held in Singapore."

"His Excellency stated that the Government was not prepared to allow the Kuomintang to function in the Malay States or the Straits Settlements. He was not prepared to allow Kuomintang meetings to be held, Kuomintang propaganda to be published, or subscriptions to be collected in Malaya."

##### Must Not Enrol Members.

"Neither was he going to allow members of the Kuomintang to be enrolled in Malaya. He emphasised that the policy of the British Government was friendly towards the Chinese, and was anxious to see law and order restored in China."

"His Majesty's Government, he said, recognised the Nanking Government as being the lawful Government of China and has friendly feelings towards the Kuomintang, from which the Nanking Government has been formed."

"His Excellency ended by stating that he had always been friendly with the Chinese wherever he had been, but that the Government of Malaya could not allow the large Chinese political organisations to form themselves in British and British protected territory."

The S.S. Sun Sai Kai, formerly employed on the Hongkong-Wuchow run, was sold at the China Auction Rooms yesterday, the purchasers being the Kwong Hip Loong Co. The price realised was \$40,500.

## A BRITISH TRADE REVIVAL.

### SPLENDID RESULT OF THE INDUSTRIES FAIR.

#### TRADE COMMISSIONS.

London, Mar. 3.

Mr. Gillett, the Secretary for Overseas Trade, made an encouraging announcement in the House of Commons to-day, regarding the British Industries Fair.

Giving the figures in round numbers of the attendance at the London Section of the Fair, he stated that there were 150,000 Home buyers as against 111,000 in 1929, 4,800 overseas buyers as against 3,700 in 1929, and foreign buyers, 61,000 against 32,000 last year.

The Birmingham buyers for all classes totalled 150,000 as against 120,000 a year ago.

The reports from both London and Birmingham indicated that the result compared very admirably with the business done last year.

Mr. Gillett also made an announcement regarding the development of British trade. The Government proposed, he said, to create eight new posts in the Commercial Diplomatic Service, in Argentina, Brazil, China (for Manchuria), Colombia, Egypt, Finland, Persia and Switzerland. In addition, Trade Commissioners would be sent to Montreal and Durban.

Each appointment would carry with it a salary of £1,600 with certain conditions for allowances.—*Reuter and British Wireless.*

### LADY INJURED.

#### KNOCKED DOWN BY MOTOR-CAR.

Mrs. Fowler, the wife of Inspector Fowler, of the S.P.C.A., was the victim of an unfortunate accident last night, when she was knocked down by a motor-car in Yee Wo Street and received rather serious injuries.

The circumstances surrounding the accident are still the subject of police investigation, but it appears that while crossing the street, Mrs. Fowler got into the way of a public car, No. 235, which was driven by an Indian. An ineffectual attempt to avoid an accident by swerving was made by the driver, but it came too late, Mrs. Fowler being knocked down and injured in the left leg.

The mishap occurred at 10 p.m. in front of No. 10, East Point Terrace, where Mr. and Mrs. Fowler are living.

Mrs. Fowler, following the accident, was admitted to the Victoria Hospital.

### THE SOVIET AND RELIGION.

#### STATEMENT IN COMMONS VERY SOON.

London, Mar. 3.  
Replying to questions in the House of Commons regarding the Soviet Government's treatment of religion, Mr. Arthur Henderson, Foreign Secretary, said he was prepared to lay on the table a White Paper containing a translation of the Soviet declaration of April 8th last regarding religious associations.

The British Ambassador's report had only reached him to-day, and he had not yet had time to consider it. He was prepared to consider making some statement to the House on the matter as soon as possible.—*British Wireless.*

### FRENCH FATHERS IN BANDIT HANDS.

#### FEARS OF MURDER PROVE UNFOUNDED.

Information received this morning dispels to a large extent the fears for the safety of the occupants of the Catholic Mission at Lungchow and M. O'Kelly, the Commissioner of Customs, who fled from the city on the outbreak of Communist orgies.

Father Maihot, one of the missionaries, has arrived safely in Indo-China with eight sisters, stating that he had been released by the brigands, who effected the capture of the party.

Father Barriere and M. O'Kelly are still in bandit hands and are likely to be held for ransom.

## STIR OVER INDIA'S BUDGET.

### OPPOSITION'S LINE OF ATTACK.

#### STRONG BRITISH & JAPANESE OBJECTIONS.

##### DEBATE IN ASSEMBLY.

New Delhi, Mar. 3.

The debate on the Government's Budget proposals, which have caused a profound shock in many parts of the world, and have been engaging the close attention of the Members of the Legislative Assembly since the introduction of the Budget by Sir George Schuster, will be opened in the Assembly to-morrow.

A meeting of the Opposition parties was held to-day, and the line of attack on the Budget was discussed at some considerable length.

It is understood that a serious difference of opinion prevails among the Opposition.

##### Preference Opposed.

The Nationalists strongly object to any commitment towards Imperial Preference, as embodied in the cotton duty proposals—the objection being that this is quite contrary to the Congress policy of boycotting British goods. They hold that the cotton duty should be raised uniformly by twenty per cent.

Bombay mill interests have pleaded that the cotton industry should not be killed for the sake of a political formula.

They point out that the measure is only a temporary one and does not imply a permanent commitment to a policy of Imperial Preference.

##### Lancashire's Fears.

Meanwhile, it is learned from London that a deputation led by Mr. Holroyd, the President of the Federation of Master Cotton Spinners' Associations, waited on the President of the Board of Trade, Mr. William Graham, and discussed with him for over two hours the position caused by the proposed Indian cotton duties.

No statement has been issued in regard to the discussion.

The organisations represented included the Manchester Chamber of Commerce.

##### Japanese Reaction.

Osaka, Mar. 3.  
A joint statement to the Press by the Cotton Spinners' Association and Cotton Exporters' and Dealers' Associations, regarding the Indian cotton duty, says there is no objection to the revenue tariff, but the proposed increase provides for the exemption of British goods, which will constitute the largest portion of imported goods, and establishes an effective anti-Japanese barrier, because the new tariff imposed fifteen per cent. on British goods but against the Japanese twenty per cent., or a specific duty which, converted ad valorem, will amount to more than twenty per cent. in some cases as much as thirty-eight. Therefore, it is highly discriminatory, making fair competition out of the question.

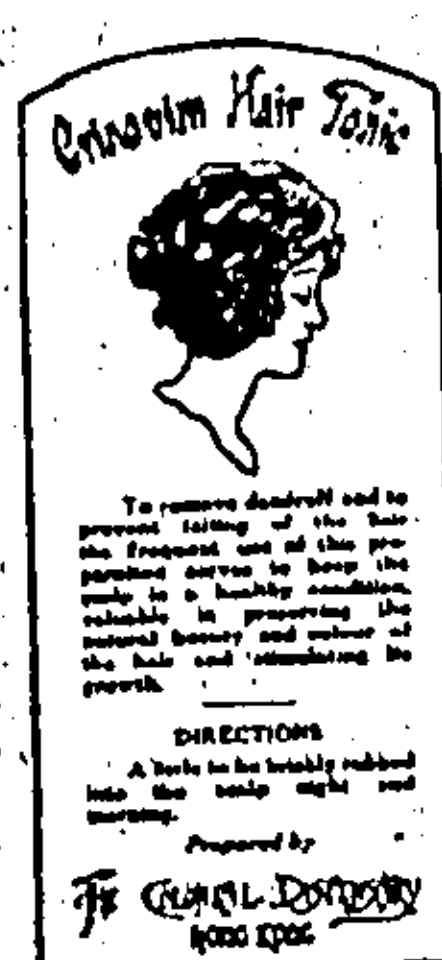
##### Killing Trade.

It expresses the gravest concern lest the new tariff will kill the growing Indo-Japanese trade, both in exports and imports. It is seriously doubted if the proposal reflects the wishes of the Indian people, because the new duty aims at protection of Lancashire at the expense of the Indian masses. It is feared if this precedent of preferential tariff, be established in India, sooner or later it will be extended to other goods besides cotton.

Cotton traders point out that if preferential treatment is necessary, then Japanese goods should be most favourably considered, because they contain "more than twenty-five per cent. of Empire material." In the form of raw cotton from India.

The matter is attracting widespread attention, because the Indian proposal has caused a slump in stocks in other markets. *Reuter.*





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### SWEEP TICKETS.

#### POLICE SUMMONS CLUB OFFICIALS.

Resulting from the recent seizure of counterfoils of sweep tickets on the premises of the Chung Shing Benevolent Society and of the Sullamess Club, the Police yesterday afternoon summoned officials from these two institutions for offences under the Gaming Ordinance.

In the first case, Lau Yuk-wan, assistant manager of Hung Nin Insurance Company of No. 138, Des Voeux Road Central, and Chairman of the Chung Shing Benevolent Society with headquarters on the third floor of the same building, was summoned, on two counts, of having in his possession with a view to sale, seven sweepstake tickets in the Chung Shing Society, and also of keeping a common gaming house for the purpose of a lottery.

In the other case, Chau Ngan-ting, an official of the Sullamess Club, of Po Hing Fong, was summoned under the same Ordinance. Mr. L.H.V. Booth, A.S.P., represented the Police. In reply to Mr. Lindsell, who enquired as to the position, Mr. Booth asked for adjournment of one week "so that certain aspects of the case may be further considered."

Mr. W. D. Owen, who appeared for the defence in the Chung Shing Society case, said he had no objection.

Mr. G. S. Hugh Jones, appeared for the other defendant.

In adjourning both cases for hearing until 2.15 p.m. on Monday, Mr. Lindsell observed: "If it is any question of withdrawal, perhaps, Mr. Booth, you will inform me so that if any other cases come up, I can still keep that afternoon free."

Mr. Booth promised to do that if that course was decided upon.

It is understood that the Chung Shing Benevolent Society, which is described as a charitable organization, has petitioned the Colonial Secretary on the matter.

### MUI TSAI QUESTION.

#### OFFICIAL WARNING TO OWNERS.

The Secretary for Chinese Affairs has recently published a notification in the Chinese press to the effect that owners of mui tsai will be prosecuted if they do not register on or before the 1st June, 1930.

At present it is found that not more than 100 mui tsai have been registered. Therefore, a special warning to owners to register immediately without further delay has been published.

There is no difficulty in registering a mui tsai. The only thing to do is to take the mui tsai before the Secretary for Chinese Affairs, or to the nearest Police Station, or to the District Officer at Tai Po, and get a printed form to fill in a few particulars. No photograph is necessary.

### BIG PROPERTY DEAL.

#### THE YEE SANG FAT BUILDING.

A big property deal, amounting to \$865,000, was concluded on Saturday morning when the Yee Sang Fat Building, including the old Coronet Theatre, was sold to the China Entertainment and Land Investment Co., Ltd. by Mr. Chang Fat, the proprietor of the Yee Sang Fat Co. Following months of negotiations the deal was concluded and signed at the office of Messrs. Russ & Co. on Saturday. To make way for the construction of a new cinema house, the new owners of the property intend to commence the demolition of the building in two weeks' time expecting to open the new theatre before the next Chinese New Year. Construction will occupy about eight months.

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### LATE MR. H. W. PARRY.

#### HONGKONG ESTATE GIVEN TO MOTHER AND SISTER.

Local estate to the value of \$2,100, which is bequeathed to his mother and sister, was left by the late Mr. Henry Westmoreland Parry, late Chief Officer of the s.s. Kong So, belonging to the Tung Yick Steamship Company, who died at the Kowloon Hospital on September 11, last year.

In his will, the late Mr. Parry did not appoint an executor, but letters of administration with the will annexed have been granted to Mr. Reginald Charles Pass, Chief Engineer of the s.s. Kong So, who is attorney for deceased's mother.

In his will, testator directs that everything shall go to his mother, Emma Sarah Parry, and his sister, Gwendolen Marion Parry, both residing at No. 31, Waterloo Gardens, Cardiff.

#### Chinese Estate.

Mak Sai-chi, alias Mak Chi-woo, alias Mak Hung Fuk Tong, alias Ming Shing-tong, ginseng and deer horn dealer, who died intestate at No. 53, Bonham Strand West, on June 24, 1928, left Hongkong estate worth \$10,700.

Letters of administration have been granted to a son, Mak Ting-chung, living at the Bonham Strand address. The widow, Mak Lai-shi, of No. 43, Fung Yuen Chung Yauk, Western Suburb, Canton, has renounced her right and title to administration.

### CROWN LAND.

#### FOUR LOTS DISPOSED OF YESTERDAY.

Bidding was very poor at the Crown Land Office yesterday when four plots of Crown land in Kowloon were disposed of, three being sold at upset prices, and the other attracting only two bids.

Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2,306, situated at Prince Edward Road, between Fa Yuen Street and Sai Yee Street, was sold to Mr. Ngan Shing-kwan, of the China Motor Bus Co., for the upset price of \$53,730. The area of this lot is approximately 29,850 square feet.

Messrs. Lo Fook and Fong Kong, of No. 151 Woosung Street, were the purchasers of Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2,307, which is situated at the junction of Portland Street and Ki Lung Street, with an area of about 9,300 square feet. This lot was sold at the upset price of \$16,275.

Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2,308, which is also situated at the junction of these two streets at Tai-koktsui, attracted two bids of \$100 each and was finally sold to Mr. Lee Yee of No. 151 Woosung Street for \$7,144.

The fourth lot of Crown land sold was Tsun Wan Marine Lot No. 1, which was bought by the Texas Co. for \$10,560—the upset price. The area is approximately 528,000 square feet.

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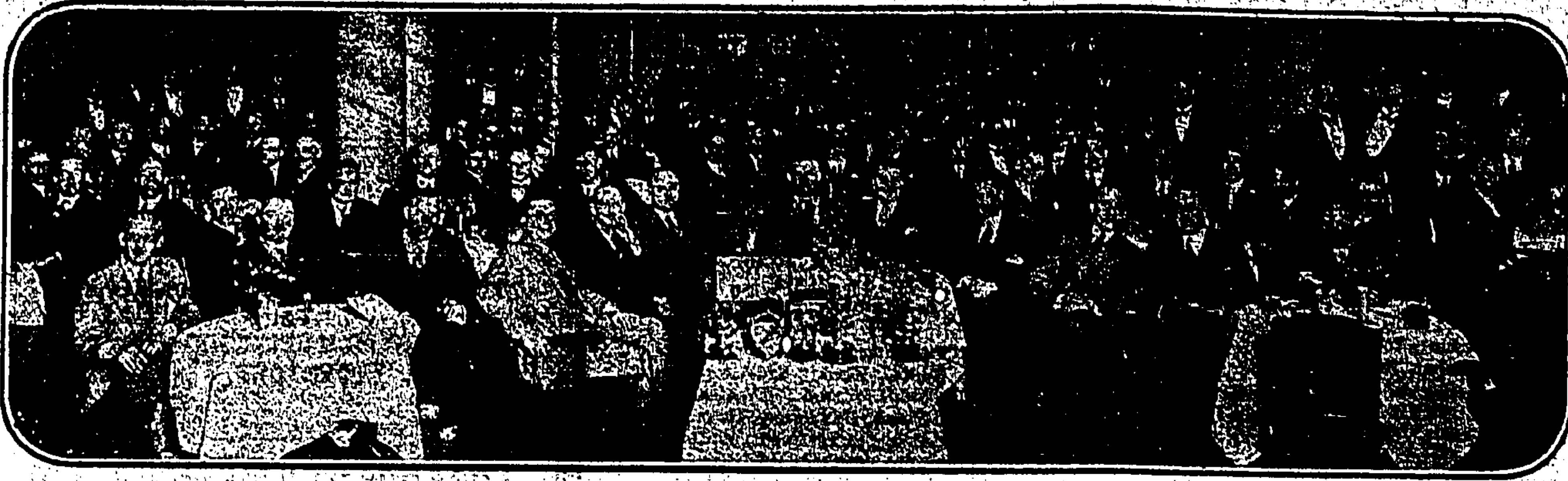
### Enough for Both of 'Em!



### By Small







More than 180 members of the Shanghai Power Company's staff gathered at the Astor House in Shanghai to bid farewell to Mr. T. H. U. Aldridge, former Engineer-in-Chief and General Manager of the Electricity Department, at a dinner given in his honour.



After the wedding in Shanghai when Miss L. Meyer became the wife of Dr. William Remy, of Yokohama.



Mr. M. S. Yang, the popular editor of the "China Times." He is only 22.



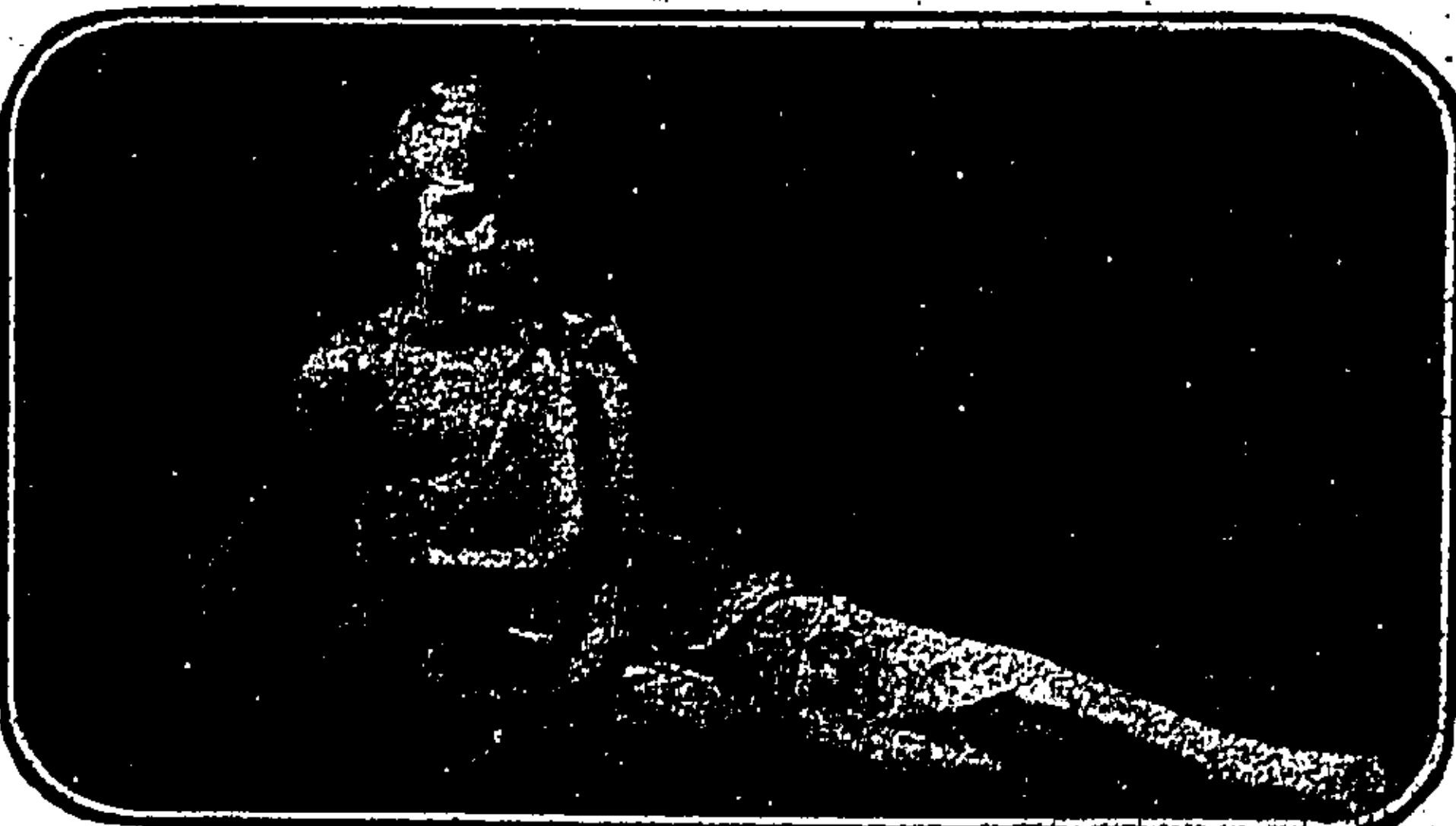
Detective sub-inspector J. Moir of the International Police, decorated with a gold medal for conspicuous bravery by Colonel Mallet, recently. He engaged a gang of gunmen singlehanded.



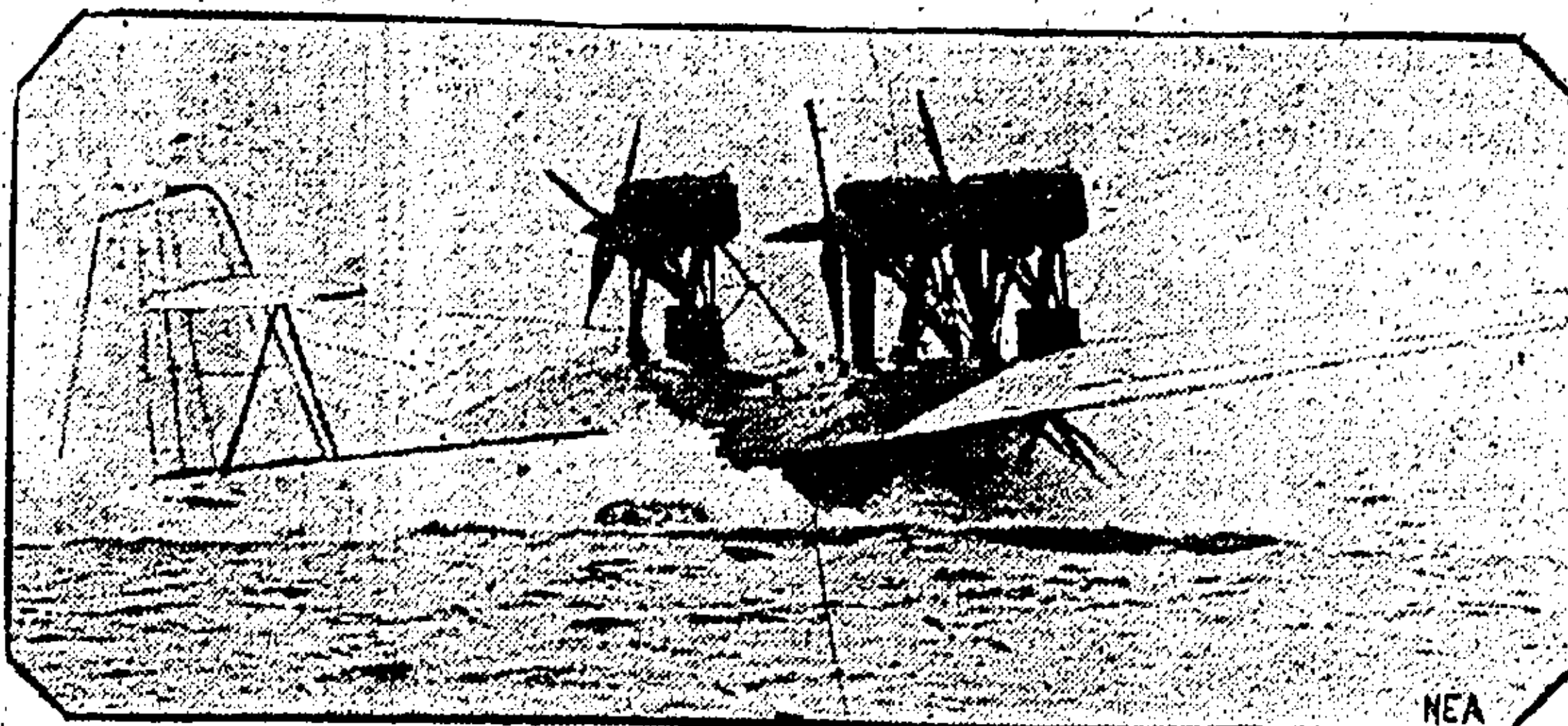
Chinese Brigadier Detective No. 60, who was seriously injured while a member of a search party in the French Settlement, and who was decorated with a French Municipal silver medal.



National tableaux were staged at the St. Valentine's Day dinner dance given at the Majestic Hotel by members of the Shanghai Rotary Club.



Little Miss Ishbel Hutchinson in a Greek ball dance at a recent Shanghai B. W. A. party.



A photo taken at Travemuende, Germany, just at the moment that the giant Rohrbach Remar seaplane crashed. The craft was swamped and sank, but the pilot and 13 passengers were saved.



A recent production of "Cinderella," given at the Embassy Theatre, Shanghai under the auspices of the British Women's Association, proved a great success. Mrs. Gay Cumming, the producer of the Christmas pantomime, "Little Red Riding Hood," was responsible for "Cinderella." The costumes of the period, the quaint bouffant skirts, strapped slippers and powdered wigs, were reproduced effectively. The B. W. A. version was an especially clever one with lines of sufficient sophistication to please older members of the audience, though the orthodox fairy-tale atmosphere, and the well-known happy ending, were preserved.

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## FIRST PRIZE DAY AT STANLEY.

ST. STEPHEN'S COLLEGE IN  
IDEAL LOCALITY.

### BISHOP'S ADDRESS.

In spite of fears that malaria might prove troublesome, it was stressed at the annual prize distribution ceremony at St. Stephen's College to-day that the first nine months' experience at Stanley had resulted in improved health for both staff and scholars.

To-day's function was the first of its kind in the new College, and the prizes were distributed by the Bishop of Victoria (Dr. C. R. Duppy). Amongst the large gathering present were the Hon. Dr. and Mrs. S. W. Tso, the Rev. E.W.L. Martin, Messrs. Mok Kang-sang, Kwok Sit-lau, T. N. Chau, Li Hoi-tung, E. Ralphs, and others.

#### Bishop's Speech.

Addressing those present the Bishop said:—Mr. Martin, Members of the Staff and Boys—On this first Speech Day in the new buildings I want to congratulate you on your new home. My mind goes back to eight years ago—to October 3rd, 1922—when with the present Governor of Fiji, Sir Murchison Fletcher, who was then Acting Colonial Secretary, your College Council first inspected this site. We were thinking of the days to come and of all the sites we inspected this was the one Sir Murchison felt was most desirable. Then, I think of more than one visit to this place in the company of your late Warden, the Rev. W. H. Hewitt; and I can recall most vividly his hopes for this place when as yet it was only a barren waste. He saw not only blocks of buildings like those we already possess, but laboratories, workshops, a gymnasium, and, surmounting all, a chapel. Mr. Hewitt dreamed big dreams about your school and I for one am confident his dreams will come true—and I hope very quickly come true.

#### Future of St. Stephen's

Then, I can remember on May 7th, last, just before you moved into these new buildings, paying a visit here with our late Governor, Sir Cecil Clementi, and as we stood together he told me what a firm believer he was in the public school system and what a great future, he believed, a school like St. Stephen's had before it. He spoke to me of his personal interest in this school. Nine months ago the Hon. Dr. Tso, Mr. Lei Hoi-tung and I, as members of the College Council, were with you for your first working day in these new premises. I remember I referred then to the splendid way the Acting-Warden, Mr. F. A. Britton, and the staff had effected the move across to Stanley and I recalled the great help Sir Henry Pollock, as Chairman of the Building Committee, had given. This was a purely private occasion.

#### Expression of Thanks.

I think, on this first Speech Day in the new buildings, it would be only fitting that we should put on record our more formal thanks; and I should like to express our indebtedness to all who have made this move to Stanley possible.—To the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock and the Building Committee for all their work—no one in this Colony has behind him a longer record of good works than has Sir Henry Pollock—to the Hon. Dr. Tso, one of the original founders of this school, for his long years of interest in St. Stephen's, and to all other members of the College Council; To Mr. Lei-tung and the Old Boys' Committee for all they have done; To all generous benefactors through whose liberality this move has been made possible; To Mr. Britton, the then Acting-Warden, and the Staff for all their indefatigable work in connexion with the move to Stanley; and perhaps in Mr. Britton's absence I ought especially to mention Mr. Asche as he brought valuable technical experience to bear on many points, and in saying this I do not forget

the splendid services of other members of the staff; to Mr. and Mrs. Martin, whom we are rejoiced to have back among us to-day; we all know how completely they both have identified themselves with St. Stephen's College and I will only say that if it had not been for the energy and determination of Mr. Martin it is doubtful if we should have been here to-day. To Colonel Bird, our architect, and to Mr. Lam Woo, our contractor, we would also desire to express our thanks. To one and all we are grateful.

I would like also to add a word of welcome to Mr. J. A. Gaunt as he joins the staff. He comes among us not only with the traditions of one of our great English public schools, but also as a Fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge. I am sure Mr. Gaunt's help will mean much to us during these opening days at Stanley when you are helping to build up new traditions for your new home.

#### Future of Stanley.

You have been here nine months; from a health point of view the year has been a trying one for the Colony generally, but I am assured that the move here has resulted in improved health all round for both scholars and staff at St. Stephen's. You have about you the sea, the hills, the open spaces, your splendid playing fields, your airy buildings and all these things make for health and fitness.

I hope that Stanley will become a spot beloved by successive generations of students; loved for the games that they have played here, the boating, the bathing; loved because of the lessons learnt in the school of Nature—God's great outdoors—in this pleasant spot in which your lot is cast; loved because here the riches of life have been unfolded to you, the mysteries of science, the thoughts of the great men of all ages; loved because here you have caught a glimpse of what true manhood may become.

It is a disappointment to me that I cannot be at the formal opening on March 25th. As many of you know, the quarters I live in are part of St. Paul's College, which is unquestionably the oldest school building in the Colony. It is a matter of interest that within the same month St. Paul's College will be keeping its eightieth anniversary and St. Stephen's, Stanley, will be formally opened. Those who eighty years ago planned for St. Paul's planned not simply for immediate needs but for the years to come, and I hope that eighty years hence when the hour shall strike the year two thousand and ten it will be said that the foundation of this school were well and truly laid, and that some future Kipling may sing of the boys and masters now connected with this school.

The men bulk big on the old trail, our own trail, the old trail. They're God's own guide on the long trail, the trail that is always new.

#### Annual Report.

The annual report, read by the Rev. E. W. L. Martin, was as follows: In May 1929 the School moved to Stanley. Every congratulation is due to the Acting Warden (Mr. Britton) and the Staff and Students on the whole-hearted co-operation which made the removal so thoroughly successful.

Only six boys left owing to the move, the numbers dropping in May from 150 to 144. By September we were up again to 149, of whom 69 were boarders. In December the Sixth Form left us, having completed their school course, and we are down to 120 but building up our numbers steadily as we always do after Chinese New Year. It is however interesting that the number of boarders has risen to 80. A bus is run daily from the University and Blake Pier for day-boys, but most of them travel by private cars. The health of the School has been better at Stanley than it was at Pokfulam and in the City. The general health has remarkably improved, and the number of minor ailments diminished.

We thank God that malaria, which was feared by some, has not troubled us. Precautions have been taken and will continue to be taken. Nullahs were made to drain the land, even before buildings were erected. Mosquito-nets are compulsory; and the staff, students and servants have all been medically examined, at our

request, by Dr. Wellington and Dr. Yeoh.

#### Government Thanks.

We desire to publicly thank the Government for the health measures undertaken on our behalf. For two years we have had 150 workmen, and now 150 staff and students, at Stanley. The one or two cases of malaria in two years have been imported cases. Among the resident staff and students the bill of health as respects malaria has been almost a clean one, the cases showing no increase on those of last years at Pokfulam or in the city.

Rev. E. K. Quick, M. A. left in the Summer to take up a Headmastership in Shanghai. In his place we welcome Mr. J. A. Gaunt, B. A., Fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge, who teaches Mathematics. Mr. H. C. J. Asche, M.Sc., takes Science. Mrs. Asche teaches drawing and painting in every form. We thank her for this voluntary labour, which teaches our Students to appreciate the beauties of nature around them at Stanley. We would also congratulate her on winning the Hongkong Art Club's prize for the year. We have similar help from Mrs. Carpenter, Mrs. Martin and Miss Griffin, all experienced teachers. Rev. C. B. Shaw, M. A. is now helping us again; and the resident Staff include Messrs. Ling, Tang, Tam, Asche, Carpenter and Gaunt.

In paying a tribute to the comradeship among the staff, which I have particularly appreciated in taking up my work from Mr. Britton, I would mention the fact that eight members of our Staff aggregate among them over 100 years of service to St. Stephen's College.

#### Examinations and Sport.

Other schools share with us a disappointment in the numbers who passed the Matriculation and Senior Examination. We obtained four Matriculation and three Senior Certificates. Upon referring to the marks of all our candidates we note with pleasure an improvement this year in the number of those who passed in Chinese. In the Junior Local examination we did well and obtained the highest percentage of passes among the large schools. Distinctions were gained in Arithmetics, Mathematics and Mechanics.

The school at Stanley offers every inducement to our students to take exercise and lead an open-air life. We have tennis courts, a full-size football field, basketball and volleyball courts; and within easy reach, delightful bathing-beaches, where swimming is enjoyed under careful supervision. Debating and photographic Clubs flourish. The night-school continues for our servants. The Christian Union has collected funds for famine relief, the Chinese Leprosy Society, and the Village Church. Fourteen students have passed the examination of the Royal Life-Saving Society qualifying for certificates and medallions.

As a concluding word a warm invitation is extended to all interested in this school to pay it a visit, and in particular to attend the official opening ceremony by His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government on March 25, at 3 p.m.

#### Prize List.

The prize list was as follows: Dux of School.—Cheng See-yan. (Gold medal winner) Cheng See-yan. Form VI.—Cheng See-yan (Chinese), Ling Sung-kui (English and Science), Chin Wong-fat (Maths.), Lai Hau-sik and Leung Kwok-ying (History), Lee Hua-ngak (Geog.), Li Hin-lung (2nd in Hist., Geog.), Alfred Lau (Script), Ma Yung-wai (English), Chan Shiu-yim (2nd in School). Form V.—Wong Cho-tong (Dux, Sci., Hist.), Lo Kwong-ming (English), Chui Kai-ming (Script, and Chinese), Dhavi Asvananda (Maths.), Cheng Yam-ting (Geog.). Form IV.—Yip Kung-chiu (Dux, Script, English), Kwok Ying-chiu (2nd in English), Lo Ting-nguan, Fan Chi-chiu (2nd in Script), Lee Wai-yeung (Hist., Geog., Maths.), Tan Kian-sai (Science). Form III.—Au Yee-suen (Dux, Script), Kam Cheung-ying (Eng. I), Lee Pee-chim (English II, Algebra, Geom.), Chang Shin-fook (Hist. and Geog.), Fan Chi-ying (Arith.), Chan Kai-ling (Drawing), Ling Sung-hai (English II). Form II.—Chan Kai-ying (Dux, Script and Eng. I), Lie Tiat-ting (English II), Li Hin-lun (Geog.), Au Kwai-sung (Arith.), Kwok Choo-bing (Drawing), Ue Sai-yim (2nd in the Form). Form IA.—Leung Kwok-ching (Dux, Script, English II), Lee Hua-sing (Eng. I, Arith.), Fan Chi-hang (Special). Form IB.—Fan Chi-ying (Dux, Script), Lie Tiat-ting (Eng.) and Li Wai-ming (Drawing). Prize Winners' Chinese School.—Dux of School and Gold medal winner, Wong Sze-Kit. Middle A.—Wong Sze-Kit, Kwong Ya-kiong, Kam Cheung-ying.

## COWARD REBUKED.

HIT WOMAN AT STREET  
FOUNTAIN.

Describing a man as a cowardly fellow for striking a woman who was carrying a baby on her back, Mr. Whyte Smith, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, fined a Chinese \$10 and further ordered him to sign a personal bond for his future behaviour.

The defendant admitted the charge and said that he had only given the woman a gentle hit. After seeing the injury caused to the complainant's eye, his Worship asked the defendant if that was his idea of a gentle hit.

The defendant replied that the injury was caused during a struggle.

According to Sergeant Feely, the defendant was drawing water at a fountain and had some ten buckets waiting to be filled. The woman asked to be allowed to draw a small can full first, when the defendant pushed her. A quarrel ensued and the defendant struck the woman over the eye.

## MOTOR MAGNATE AND DIPLOMAT.

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Middle B.—Fan Chi-ying, Yip Wing-jim, Tseng Wah-hin and Lam Kai-tit.

Middle C.—Lee Pee-chim. Lower B.—Chan Kai-ying, Wong Song-tak, Fan Chi-hang and Ue Sai-yim.

Lower C.—Au Kwong-u, Li Hua-sing, Li Hin-hang.

Lower D.—Lie Tiat-ting. Form VI.—Cheng See-yan. Form V.—Chui Kai-ming.

Scholarships.—Wei On, Sod Kurama and Cheng See-yan. Barnett, Wong Tso-tong and Dhavi Asvananda. Mok Kon Sang, Ling Sung-kui.

University Certificates.—Matriculation, Cheng See-yan, Lee Hua-ngak, Ma Yung-wai and Sod Kurama; Senior, Liang Tse-hung, Ling Sung-kui and Alfred Lau; Junior, Cheng Yam-ting, Chui Kai-ming, Dhavi Asvananda (Dist. Arith., Maths. and Maths.), Jaya Jotikabulkana, Lam Peng-wah, Lo Kwong-ming (Dist. Arith. and Maths.), Lo Teng-oo, Ng Shiu-tung, Wong Kung kuen and Wong Tso-tong (Dist. Maths. & Mechanics).

## FOOLISH PRACTICE.

MAN HURT BY JUMPING  
FROM FERRY.

Before the ferry-boat Man Lai had made fast to the wharf at Yaumati, yesterday, a Chinese passenger made an attempt, with calamitous results, to jump on to the landing stage. He failed to clear the intervening space, and, to the horror of those who watched him, dropped into the water. A warning was sent to the coxswain, but an accident could not altogether be avoided, the victim's left leg being crushed against the wharf supports before he could be extricated.

The victim, whose name is Chang Kau, and whose address is given as No. 136, Woosung Street, Yaumati, is now lying in the Kowloon Hospital.

## HOCKEY.

UNIVERSITY TEAMS FOR THIS  
WEEK'S MATCHES.

The following will represent the University second eleven in matches this week:

Against the Recreation Hockey Club at 5.15 to-morrow at King's Park.—V. Enok (Capt.), A. B. Sullivan, S. L. Wong, Ng Kam-soot, T. W. Goh, P. N. da Silva, W. A. James, J. J. Gutierrez, Kho Han-poy, E. Goano and A. Bato. Against the Hongkong Hockey Club at King's Park at 5.15 p.m. on Friday.—A. A. Fark (Capt.), S. L. Wong, A. B. Sullivan, Ng Kam-soot, T. W. Goh, W. A. James, P. N. da Silva, S. C. Ho, E. Goano, Ng Yook-yoon and H. E. M. Adams.

#### Yesterday's Contests.

On the U.S.R.C. ground yesterday afternoon, H.M.S. Suffolk beat H.M.S. Petard in a hockey game in the Service Shield competition, by one goal to nil. Leaf being the scorer. In a friendly match, the H.K.S.R.A. won from the Club second team by three to nil; while the Indian Recreation Club beat the University seconds by three goals to two.

#### Yesterday's Crossword Solution.

**ACROSS**  
1. OAKUM  
2. RIVAL  
3. URGES  
4. DIGITAL  
5. TENDERS  
6. IN  
7. LARSEN  
8. E  
9. NEVER  
10. R  
11. MEREAS  
12. ORANGE  
13. PINKATES  
14. U.S. MEMORIAL  
15. L  
16. BRINGED  
17. C  
18. LETHAL  
19. SOLIMA  
20. L  
21. DRESS  
22. G  
23. CASES  
24. I  
25. TUNES  
26. AERIALS  
27. INSEEN  
28. DODGE  
29. PLEA  
30. I  
31. SCRIP  
32. EASE  
33. G  
34. NOVA  
35. TRAPS  
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NOPE—NOTHIN' IN IT AT ALL—LET'S GO AND FIND HIM AN' THROW THIS THING IN HIS FACE!!

ALL RIGHT—CMON, LET ME DO IT—THROWING!!

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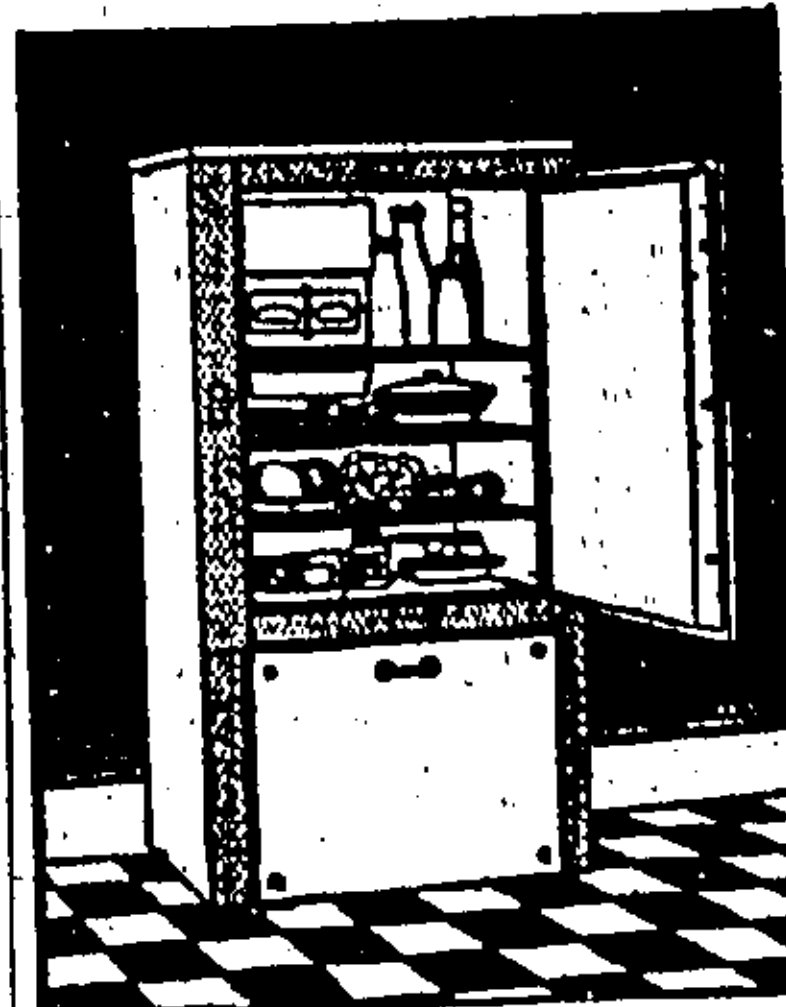
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TUESDAY MARCH 4, 1930.

#### TRUE CHARITY.

There can be very few people in the Colony who, at one time or another, have not been appealed to for help by those who, for one reason or another, find themselves "up against it" in the struggle for existence. Mrs. Southorn, commenting on this fact in her forceful address at the annual meeting of the Hongkong Benevolent Society yesterday, rightly remarked that the average person has no time to go into the rights or wrongs of individual cases, and he is therefore torn between a desire to give something, in case the piteous tale is genuine, or to withhold it because he has been "taken in" before. Fortunately, however, there are the means available whereby the person who really wishes to help deserving cases can rest assured that any assistance which he feels disposed to give to charity, either in money or in kind, will be put to the very best possible advantage. We refer, of course, to the opportunity provided by the existence of the Benevolent Society, a body which is able to do what the ordinary individual cannot possibly hope to achieve—namely, get to the bottom of every case and see that relief is granted only where help will be beneficial. It is this fact, which provides such ample justification for the continued existence of the Society and which also gives point to the strong appeals which were made at yesterday's meeting for all the support that the public can afford to give.

Men, women and children who, through no fault of their own, find themselves in difficulties are helped along life's journey, and the fact that the assistance which the Society is able to offer is appreciated to the full, can be attested by the numerous letters of sincere thanks which have come to hand from those whose cases have been taken up. When it is realised that last year no fewer than 408 visits were paid to the City Hall by applicants representing over 150 families, some idea may be gained of the fine work of real charity which the Society performs. Two points in connexion with the Society's activities deserve special stressing. The first

is that no case is helped without the very fullest investigation and enquiry, conducted with the strictest confidence. The second is that, above all else, constructive help is always aimed at; the Society does not believe in the granting of mere doles. It thus becomes obvious that all who contribute anything to the Society's funds can have the definite assurance that the money they give will be well spent. It is equally obvious, of course, that, without public support, the Society could not possibly function. A variety of causes has resulted in a serious financial position now being reached, and for this reason we would urge all who have any regard for the sufferings and misfortunes of others to loosen their purse-strings and do their bit towards maintaining the Society on such a basis that there will be no question of its being compelled to restrict its beneficent activities.

From some standpoints, the present may not be considered a particularly propitious time in which to appeal for public subscriptions, but, although each and every one of us are being adversely affected by the falling dollar, there are very few who cannot afford a dollar a month, which is the sum involved to become a regular annual subscriber. The publicity now given to the needs of the Society should therefore result in fresh funds beginning to flow in. We most heartily support the Society's appeal not only for funds but also for gifts in kind, especially clothing, which can be sent to the City Hall any Monday or Thursday morning. The Society fills an important role in this Colony. It should command, as it deserves, widespread support.

#### Shanghai Municipal Affairs.

The thinly veiled objection of the sterner sex to the nomination of a woman candidate for a seat on the Shanghai Municipal Council and the lady's subsequent withdrawal, due, it has been alleged, to the pulling of strings in Washington, have had the effect of arousing more than ordinary interest in the election now in progress. More fuel has now been added by the appearance of an eve of the poll letter, signed by Mr. A. D. Bell, a Council member of fair long standing, hinting that all is not well in Council circles. More acrimony, he declares, has developed in the discussions of the past year than in the previous five years, owing to the discovery or the suspicion that things have been done or attempted, in the name of the Council, without the knowledge or consent of the members. Agitation in favour of the throwing open of Council meetings to the Press of Shanghai is now the order of the day. The new candidates are divided on this point. The majority endorse the broader view. A minority oppose the change of procedure on the ground of expediency. We should have thought in these days that there could hardly be two minds about the issue, while if there were grounds for argument, Mr. Bell's criticisms should be sufficient to silence the dissenters. Publicity would seem to be an urgent necessity. Apart, however, from any special circumstances that may have been brought to light, it is a matter for some surprise that a cosmopolitan city as progressive as Shanghai undoubtedly is, should have maintained the prejudices of the old school for so long. In England, the municipal affairs of the smallest village receive the light of publicity through the Rural District Councils. No-one would suggest that the presence of Press representatives exercises a restraining influence on the discussion, as the conservative element in Shanghai apparently believe; rather the contrary.

A larceny committed on February 20 was mentioned before Mr. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning when a Chinese was charged with stealing a blanket and clothing from 625, Recamation Street. The defendant, who was only arrested yesterday, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour.

A remand for twenty-four hours for further enquiries was granted by Mr. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning in the case of a shop feld who was charged with being in possession of a forged \$100 Chartered Bank note.

#### DAY BY DAY.

THE RUINS OF A HOUSE MAY BE REPAIRED; WHY CANNOT THOSE OF THE FACE?—*La Fontaine.*

Mrs. D. W. Tratman is to distribute the prizes at the Wah Yan College on March 19 at 5.15 p.m.

Mr. J. K. Swire, Managing Director of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, left to-day by the a.s. President Madison for Shanghai.

Thirteen tourists, being members of the Oriental Winter Cruise Party, in charge of Mr. A. F. Henry, left for Shanghai by the a.s. President Madison to-day.

Two Chinese who were charged before Mr. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning with assaulting a man in a tea house by striking him over the head with a stool, were remanded.

For carrying two chickens suspended by the legs, a Chinese woman, who appeared before Mr. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, was fined \$5. The defendant said that she had carried the fowls thus because she was afraid they would fly away.

We are asked to call attention to the fact that to-day's meeting of the Hongkong Branch of the English Association, at which a paper will be read by Mrs. Southorn on Jane Austen, will be held at Government House, and not as heretofore in the Cathedral Hall.

The following forthcoming weddings are announced:—Sidney James Bradwell, Hongkong Police, residing at Central Police Station Quarters, to Miss Margery Ethel Ketley, No. 5, Wellington Avenue, Westcliffe-on-Sea, Essex, England, who is travelling to Hongkong on board the a.s. Mantua; the Rev. Henry Mattocks, of Changchow, Amoy, to Miss Dorothy Latham, Manila.

In prosecuting two Chinese before Mr. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning on charges of sweeping household refuse into the street in Lai-chikok Road, Sanitary Inspector King asked for an exemplary fine, remarking that his Department wished the nuisance stopped. Each defendant was fined \$5, his Worship intimating that he thought that that was sufficiently heavy.

Dense fog caused the M.B.K. boat Tai-yo Maru to collide with a junk off Kailan Point about 5.30 p.m. yesterday, when a crew of 16 on the junk were thrown into the water. Boats were instantly lowered from the ship, and although some difficulty was experienced in locating several of the unfortunate men, they were all eventually rescued and taken aboard the Tai-yo Maru, and subsequently brought to Hongkong. Fortunately they all escaped without injury.

#### EXCHANGE RATES.

|              | London, March 3. |
|--------------|------------------|
| Paris        | 124.23           |
| New York     | 4.85 1/2         |
| Brussels     | 34.88 1/2        |
| Geneva       | 20.15            |
| Amsterdam    | 12.12 1/2        |
| Milan        | 20.36 1/2        |
| Berlin       | 18.10            |
| Copenhagen   | 18.16            |
| Oslo         | 18.17 1/2        |
| Vienna       | 34.51 1/2        |
| Prague       | 16.44            |
| Helsingfors  | 19.37 1/2        |
| Madrid       | 40.45            |
| Lisbon       | 108.30           |
| Athens       | 375              |
| Bucharest    | 818              |
| Rio          | 5.17 1/2         |
| Buenos Aires | 42 1/2           |
| Bombay       | Holiday          |
| Shanghai     | 1/10             |
| Hongkong     | 1/5              |
| Yokohama     | 2/05 1/2         |
| Silver Spot  | 15.14 1/2        |
| Forward      | 18.11 1/2        |

—British Wireless.

#### REALTY COMPANY REPORT.

##### PROPOSED DIVIDEND OF 30 CENTS PER SHARE.

The report of the Hongkong Realty and Trust Co., Ltd., states that the balance at credit of Profit and Loss Account for the year ending 31st December, 1929, including the sum of \$11,057.23 brought forward from the previous year and after setting aside \$28,752.71 in respect of depreciation, amounted to \$166,427.65.

After deducting the interim dividend declared in July last and absorbing \$60,000, a balance of \$106,427.65 remains, which the Board of Directors will recommend at the forthcoming annual general meeting be apportioned as follows:—To pay a final dividend of 30 cents per share, \$50,000; To Transfer to General Reserve in order to bring such reserve up to \$240,000, \$40,000; to carry forward to new Account, \$56,427.65.

#### CORRESPONDENCE.

##### A Good Suggestion.

[To The Editor of Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir,—I have read with interest the report of the annual meeting of the Hongkong Benevolent Society held yesterday, at which appeals were made for increased public support, and I shall be grateful if you will spare me a little space for a suggestion which I feel sure will help to swell the Society's funds.

When anyone who is at all well-known dies in this Colony, hundreds of wreaths, mostly identical in shape and composition, are sent down to the Monument and subsequently, I presume, carried down to the grave where within a few hours they go rotten and are removed by the cemetery authorities. I suggest that on such sad occasions only near relatives or great friends should send wreaths and that other people who wish to send a token of respect should send a subscription to the Hongkong Benevolent Society. The Society could assist in the collection of such sums by supplying the principal Clubs of the Colony with printed subscription lists for display whenever the occasion arose.

This would serve the double purpose of helping on a good cause and doing away with an extremely distressing and undignified feature of local funerals—Yours, etc.,

M. M. MAAS.

#### OIL STORAGE.

##### TEXAS COMPANY BUY BIG PLOT OF LAND.

Over half a million square feet of land near Tsin Wan were purchased yesterday by the Texas Company for the purpose of providing increased oil storage facilities.

The sale of the land took place at the offices of the Public Works Department, and the lot, described as Tsin Wan Marine Lot No. 1, was sold at the upset price of \$10,560, on which an annual crown rent of \$1,212 is payable.

On calling at the local office of The Texas Company (China) Ltd., our representative was advised that the tract of land purchased is for the purpose of providing increased storage facilities in keeping with the steady expansion of the company's business in South China.

The Gin Drinker's Bay installation at present used by The Texas Company is proving inadequate and further, due to the shallow water in the Bay, deep sea vessels have to anchor some distance away, necessitating the use of lighters.

As the leading free and independent oil producing company in the world, the greatest asset of The Texas Company is the fact that practically all of the thirty thousand employees are shareholders. The growth of The Texas Company may be gauged by the following figures: In 1920, 258,000,000 gallons of Texaco Motor Spirit were consumed by the motoring public, and in 1929, over 1,068,000,000 gallons were used. This is an actual increase of 313.9 per cent. The Texas Company controls 6,431,151 acres of oil lands producing 147,000 barrels of crude oil daily. It has 17 refineries, 6,505 miles of pipe lines, 6,833 tank cars, 30 deep-sea vessels, 17 ocean terminals and storage tanks with a total capacity exceeding 87,000,000 barrels.

The construction of this new and modern terminal at Tsin Wan should result in considerable development in that area which is admirably suited to industrial purposes.

#### TRAMWAY COMPANY REPORT.

##### PROFIT OF MORE THAN SEVEN LIKHS.

The report of the Directors of the Hongkong Tramways, Ltd., for the year ended 31st December, 1929, is as follows:

The profit for the year amounts to \$781,703.58

Brought forward from last balance 245,789.17

Less: Making a balance of \$1,027,492.75

Less: Interim dividend 1929 of 50 cents per share paid 7th August 1929 \$425,000.00

Written off: Sinking fund and Construction Expenses in the Tramway Undertaking 68,000.00

Final dividend for the year 1929 of 50 cents per share, recommended by the Directors \$250,000.00

716,000.00

Leaving to be carried forward \$251,492.75

Mr. Choa Pot-sien was appointed a Director in June last and, in accordance with the Articles of Association, he now offers himself for election to this appointment. According to rotation the retiring Directors are Mr. A. H. Compton and Mr. J. E. Joseph who being eligible also stand for re-election.

The accounts have been audited by Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews, who offer themselves for re-election.

### The Very Idea!

An amusing picture of the headmaster of the future was painted recently by Mr. John Clark, Director of Education in Glasgow, at a complimentary luncheon in Glasgow on his retirement.

"I look forward to the day," he said, "when the nether limbs of headmasters are unable to bear the weight of their brains."

"In the higher schools they will propel themselves about in a bath-chair driven by electricity. In the lower schools locomotion will be achieved by manual power."

Two of the new-rich visited a picture gallery in which was an oil painting with the title, "Two Dogs," after Landseer.

After studying the picture for some time the husband said to his wife:—"I say, Matilda, I can see the dogs all right, but where's Landseer?"

("I often think that the life of a steepchase jockey is a particularly hard and unenviable one."—Daily Paper.)

The steepchase is a man who takes a rise whenever he can.

Who always comes to earth again.

With just a shaking or a pain; Who has to look before he leaps; Who has a dozen bumps for keeps;

Whose life has obstacles galore, Which only help to make him sore.

They size him up by feet and pounds, He lives his life by leaps and bounds!

Scenes from clerical life, as reproduced in a child's essay: "There are three kinds of clergymen—bishops, vicars, and curats. The bishop tells the vicars to work, and the curats have to do it. A curat is a thin married man, but when he is a vicar he gets fatter and can preach longer sermons, and becomes a good man."

Some more howlers: The highest mountain in Switzerland is Blanc Mange.

By Magna Charta, no free man could be hanged twice for the same offence.

Sir Walter Raleigh was the first man to see the Invisible Armada.

The poll tax was paid by everybody who had a head.

Robert Bruce was a Scot, who kept a performing spider.

Clerk at Southend—What is your name? Man—If you please, sir, Bertie the Bargeman.

Witness at Mansfield County Court—The man was suffering a reasonable amount of pain.

Debtor at Marylebone—I have never been in any trouble before, and I am a married man.

Judge Clier (at Shoreditch County Court)—Why did that sister pay the other sister's rent? Counsel—It was a sisterly action to assist a sister.

Witness—The prisoner is never intoxicated, but often in a state of argument.

Mr. Justice Eve was told in the Chancery Court that a husband wishing to make his wife a partner in his business sent her to a lawyer to get a deed drawn up, and was later presented with a deed making over the entire business to the wife. His Lordship—That is the worst of higher education for women.

WHO WAS.....

MR. CRITCHLOW?

Does your family possess an old and interfering friend, who knew your parents before you were born and thinks that his long connexion with your household entitles him to make scathing personal comments? Then you have already met a "Mr. Critchlow."

In Arnold Bennett's longest and greatest novel, "The Old Wives Tale," Mr. Critchlow occupied such a position in the house of Baines. An eminently respectable and pious person, he was held in high esteem by the paralysed Mr. Baines; in dignified, if irritated, respect by Mrs. Baines; in awe by the meek and mild Constance; and in frivolous irreverence by Sophia, the high-spirited and rebellious daughter who could rarely meet him without falling at loggerheads. Even her mother's serenity and poise was occasionally ruffled by his impudent intrusion.

He lived to be a thorn in their flesh for an incredible number of years, after the manner of his kind; eternally grumbling and fussing; eternally doleful and suspicious; eternally chanting: "I told you so!"—quite one of the most exasperating creatures it is possible to imagine.



# RIFT IN STEAMBOAT COMPANY.

(Continued from Page 1.)

Like a rugged finger to heaven. We shall descend into the valleys again, but as long as the men and women of this generation last, they will carry in their hearts the image of these mighty peaks whose foundations are not shaken, though Europe rock and sway in the convulsions of a great war."

## "Kicks Lying Down."

Even in commercial life may there not be some everlasting things that matter for a company? Are there, too, not the great peaks of Courage and Independence, Capacity to endure, and if need be, to suffer, and above all, Refusal to be bullied and to take kicks lying down? (Loud Applause).

Gentlemen, this occasion will be historic in the annals of this company. For good or evil, your decision to-day will have a far-reaching effect upon the company's destiny. I know I need not ask you to think hard, to deliberate calmly, and to vote in accordance with your own convictions. (Applause).

I now beg to move:—  
(a) That the policy of the renewal of the farming-out of the Chinese freight and passenger business of the company's steamers to the same farmer, in view of the fact that the farmer is himself a competitor of the company's business, is prejudicial to the interests of the company, and

(b) That accordingly the directors be and are hereby notified that it is the wish of the shareholders of this company that the directors should abandon the said policy and should adopt a new policy of either giving preference as far as possible, to a non-competitive tenderer for the farming contract, or run its steamers on its own account.—(Applause).

Mr. Man Pan seconded the resolutions.

## CHAIRMAN'S REPLY.

### History of the System Outlined.

The Chairman, replying, said:—Your Directors were asked to call this meeting of Shareholders on their own initiative but declined, as in their opinion public discussion of the questions which have been raised is not in the best interests of the Company and these questions are moreover of a purely domestic nature requiring for just appreciation an intimate knowledge of the ramifications of the Company's business and their relations with competitors which it is impossible for the general body of shareholders to possess. As however, the Meeting has been requisitioned, the Board desire to lay before you the fullest possible explanation of their policy, for which they ask your approval and support.

### Directors' Policy.

It will be observed that the resolution before you asserts that the Directors' policy of farming out, or in other words chartering, certain cargo space and passenger accommodation on the Company's vessels to a Farmer, or Contractor, who is himself engaged in the same line of business is prejudicial to the interests of the Company and you are asked to notify your Directors that that should abandon this policy and adopt one of two alternatives, viz:—(1) Give preference to a Farmer who is not engaged in the same trade; (2) Operate the Chinese freight and passenger business on the Company's own account.

In order to make clear to you how the present position has arisen it will be necessary to go back some way in the Company's history and it will, I think, be easier for you to follow if I take the two questions raised by the resolution in the reverse order viz:—(1) Why do the Company farm out any part of their business? (2) Why do the Directors consider it is in the interests of the Company to continue to employ the present Farming Syndicate?

### Past Experience.

With regard to (1), I would remark that the Company operate that part of the traffic known as the "Foreign" Freight and Passenger business themselves and have always done so. It is only the Chinese Freight and Passenger traffic which is farmed out.

In the year 1918, following on a period of five very bad years during which no trading profit had been made, your Board decided to give a few months' trial to the Farming system and the improvement in earnings was so satisfactory that a contract was fixed for the whole of the following year with the present Farming Syndicate. Results have justified the periodical renewal of this contract up to the present time and a striking illustration of how beneficial it has been to the Company is the fact that for the 10 years prior to introduction of the farming system gross earnings averaged only \$749,387 per annum as compared with an average of \$1,072,108 per annum for the 7 normal years under the farming system, an increase of nearly 50 per cent. In making this comparison the years 1922, 1925 and 1926 have been omitted as results during these years

were affected by strikes and boycott.

### The Financial Result.

The improvement effected in the Company's earning power by the introduction of the Farming System is evident also from a comparison of dividends paid. For the 5 years previous to the adoption of the system, dividends were respectively 50 cents, \$1, \$1.25, 50 cents and \$1 per share, while for the 5 following years they were respectively \$2.50, \$2.75, \$2.75, \$3.25 and \$4 per share. During the latter five years transfers to Business, various Reserves, Pension Funds, and amounts written off for depreciation, totalled \$641,370 as against \$160,000 only for the five years 1914 to 1918.

### Hard to Understand.

Objection to a policy which brought about such results is hard to understand. It is based, the Board are told, on the fact that the Farming Syndicate are interested in a Company owning two steamers on the Canton berth, which it is claimed would never have been acquired had it not been for the profits made from the Syndicate's contract with this Company. Let us consider the position. At the time the Farming Contract was given to these people the Company were not in a position to build or purchase new tonnage themselves. No profits were being made and the Dividend was being paid out of Reserves. The Board consented to these steamers being placed on the berth which the Company could not at that time serve sufficiently themselves, because it was better to have the vessels of a friendly competitor who would support the Company's policy rather than steamers operated by outsiders, competition with whom the Company had learned from bitter experience could so seriously affect their earnings. It was as much in the interests of the Company as of the Farming Syndicate that the two vessels should be leased.

### Overhead Savings.

A further advantage of the Farming system arises from a considerable saving in overhead expenses, but with a view to meeting the wishes as far as possible of the shareholders who have requisitioned this meeting, and at the same time safeguarding the Company's position on the Canton River, your Directors have thoroughly examined into the other proposal that has been put forward, that the Company should operate the Chinese Freight and Passenger business themselves, appointing a Comproadore working under the control of a Sub-committee formed of Chinese Directors.

If the Company were to operate the Chinese Freight and Passenger business themselves, it would be necessary to employ a larger clerical staff in the office and, in addition, to employ and pay in the case of each steamer Comproadores, their staffs, cargo brokers, passage brokers and cargo coolies, all of whom are at present supplied, guaranteed and paid by the Farmers. The saving here is estimated roughly at about \$170,000 per annum.

### Willing to Experiment.

All loss in exchange and in subsidiary coinage is also borne by the Farming Contractors. It is impossible to say exactly what this saves the Company, but probably at a conservative estimate, not less than a further \$140,000 per annum. However, your Directors were willing to make the experiment and give the system a fair trial, provided all parties interested would agree to work on the following basis:

- (1) not to compete in rates, and to agree rates
- (2) that the present Chinese staffs would not lose their positions;
- (3) that the Farming Syndicate would agree not to increase their tonnage over and above what they have at present;
- (4) that the Farming Syndicate would continue to exercise their control over certain outside steamers so long as they are in a position to do so;
- (5) that the Farming Syndicate would continue existing arrangements with regard to Wharves and Moorings;
- (6) the Comproadore to be a man working whole time in the interests of the Company and to be mutually approved;
- (7) that the Company to assure an income at least equal to that obtainable from the Farming Syndicate.

So far it has not been possible to arrive at mutual understanding on these important points, although every possible avenue has been explored by your Directors, with a view to bringing the interests concerned into agreement.

### This Year's Tenders.

With regard to the other question raised by the Resolu-

tion, viz:—"Why do the Directors consider it is in the interests of the Company to continue to employ the present Farming Syndicate?"

Two tenders have been received for farming the Chinese Freight and passenger business this year, one of which is from our present Contractors. Both tenders contain the usual stipulation for reduction in hire money should additional outside steamers come on the Company's trading routes other than those vessels at present operating thereon, and after making as favourable an allowance for this in the case of the new Tenderer, as is reasonably possible, his offer would yield a smaller return to the Company than that of our present Contractors.

Your Directors have however further and even stronger reasons for recommending a continuance of friendly co-operation with the Farming Syndicate who have carried out the work most efficiently and have honourably discharged all their obligations to the Company for a period of 11 years and whose organisation, which has served the Company so well, could also, and under changed circumstances undoubtedly would, be a factor resulting in unnecessary competition. The Board are criticised for employing Farmers who control a considerable fleet of steamers themselves, but this is one of the facts which makes co-operation with this Syndicate of value to the Company. By this means a number of vessels which would otherwise be free to trade between Hongkong and Canton are kept off the berth, and two at least of these were actually purchased by the Syndicate in order to ensure their removal from the Canton River.

### Other Benefits.

Other benefits derived from association with this organisation are that they own a Wharf in Hongkong, three in Canton and two in Macao, which means that these wharves are not available to outside steamers, and the Syndicate further has an arrangement with two other Companies with regard to their Wharves. During the 11 years of co-operation between the Company and the Syndicate, the latter have on several occasions made arrangements with outside steamers with regard to their spheres of operation, in order that rates on the Canton and Macao Lines might be maintained at a fair level and the trades might yield a moderate margin of profit.

You will appreciate that were the Company now either to revert to the practice of operating the Chinese Freight and Passenger business themselves, without adequate safeguards, which system has been proved uneconomical, or were they to hand this business over to some other party, they would lose all the benefits I have just enumerated and the Company, either alone or with the assistance of the new Farmer, would have to meet the competition not only of new comers on the River but that of the present Contractors' organisation as well.

### Rate War Inevitable.

The Board are convinced that a rate war would be inevitable, and heavy losses for an indefinite period would be incurred. It has been suggested that these losses would be borne by the new Farmer, but the suggestion can hardly be taken seriously.

As soon as the strain became severe, he would naturally forfeit his security and the Company would then have to choose between the continuance of this competition, or, if it were then possible, come to some agreement with other lines similar to that which we have at present.

Furthermore we must bear in mind the effect of open competition on our Foreign Freight and Passenger business which is no concern of the Farmers at all and the whole loss in this respect would fall on the Company. Judging by past experience the loss in Foreign Freight and Passenger Money would probably amount to about \$20,000 per month.

The Company has worked in friendly co-operation with the China Navigation Co., Ltd., for the last 51 years and the Farming Agreement, embracing their steamer "Fatsan", as well as the "Kinsan", in which steamer they are interested as part owners, and is a joint contract, signed by both Companies. Messrs. Butterfield and Swire have informed the Board that they are of the opinion that departure from the present policy would be a grave mistake, and that if the decision of the Directors arrived at after the fullest consideration, to renew the agreement with the present Farming Syndicate on the best terms possible is not confirmed, they will entertain other farming arrangements themselves. This would create an unworkable position and might lead to the severance of the friendly mutual relations which have existed for so many years.

Conducted on present lines there are prospects of steady progress for the Company. With economies in working which have recently been planned, and the advantage of increased rates of hire money offered by the present

Farming Syndicate there is every assurance that there will be progressive improvement in results during the next three years under normal working conditions, and provided there are no further strikes or boycotts.

### The Only Policy.

It is the carefully considered opinion of your Directors that the only sound progressive policy open to this Company at the present time is to work for still closer co-operation with the principal established interests on the Canton River.

I have said enough I think to convince anyone with an open mind that the policy advocated by the Requisitionists of this Meeting would be nothing less than suicidal for the Company under present conditions. While the wishes of holders of so large a number of shares, as expressed by the conveners of the Meeting, have been considered and discussed in every reasonable way possible, it must be borne in mind that the Board are representative of the whole body of shareholders and that they have, by that same representation, close knowledge and experience of what they consider best in the interests of the Company, and they look upon the proposals which have been made as threatening the successful continuance of the Company, and have no choice therefore but to treat these proposals with the most definite and explicit opposition which it is in their power to offer.

The attitude of the China Navigation Company was outlined by Mr. T. H. R. Shaw as being against the resolutions proposed by Sir Robert Ho Tung.

Mr. Paul Lauder urged shareholders to vote against the resolutions.

### MR. BRAGA'S SPEECH.

#### No Personal Feeling Involved.

Speaking in support of the motion, the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga said:—Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen—I beg leave to address the meeting in support of the resolution. A careful perusal of Sir Robert Ho Tung's circular letter of the 20th February last reveals the outstanding fact that "personal feelings" do not enter into the discussion of the question under consideration between himself and Mr. Woo Hay-tong, nor, I feel perfectly certain, are "personal feelings" responsible for keeping apart the two groups of differing directors. We meet therefore in an atmosphere unvitiated by rancour or personal animus. Where neither passion nor caprice animates the spirit of either party, to-day's discussion can be conducted entirely on the merits of the question in dispute.

I am not blind to the fact that the unfortunate difference that has arisen is one of vital interest to shareholders. I feel confident that Sir Robert Ho Tung and his Chinese associates, until recently on the Board of Directors, have resorted to a tribunal of shareholders for a decision as a last resort and after they had exhausted all means for a settlement. Indeed, in the considered statement submitted by Mr. M. K. Lo at a meeting of the Board on the 19th November last, he made it clear on behalf of himself, Sir Robert Ho Tung and Mr. Li Tse-fong, that "any difference amongst them should be referred to the views of the shareholders." It is with the definite purpose of obtaining a mandate from shareholders that we are met here to-day. That mandate should, in my humble opinion, determine the action of the Board. Any other action would be opposed to the wishes of shareholders.

#### Directors in Two Camps.

As a result of an honest and conscientious divergence of views, the nine directors have ranged themselves into two camps, made up of three in one camp and six in the other, each tenaciously holding its own ground and apparently irreconcilable in their respective attitudes. Both feel they are right; both eager to safeguard the best interests of the Company. To both, therefore, shareholders are indebted for their earnestness of purpose.

Let me digress for a moment and examine the composition of the membership of the opposing camps. In one, let us call the "minority" directors, are the three Chinese directors: in the other (and it will be styled the "majority directors") are the six European members. Both groups are made up of men of substance in this Colony: men who enjoy a commercial reputation and for whose opinions respect is claimed.

Sir Robert Ho Tung is the leader of the "minority" group. He has given 14 years of service to the Company as director. This length of service places him in the unique position of an intimate personal knowledge of, and acquaintance with, the working of the Company in all its branches and of its present and future requirements. Mr. Li Tse-fong is a large shareholder and has extensive business connections with the Chinese. Mr. M. K. Lo is a leading member of the Chinese community of Hong-

kong whose complete confidence he enjoys.

The majority group is led by the Chairman of directors, who, until the return of Mr. C. Gordon Mackie, was Mr. M. T. Johnson. His associates are Messrs J. P. Warren, R. E. Coxon, J. M. Alves, J. H. Little and P. K. Batchelor. It will therefore be seen that the contending parties pitted against each other can have no other motive to serve than that of the well-being of the Company of whose destiny in Sir Robert's own words they are placed in the position of "masters."

#### Cause of Split.

The point I would like to emphasise is that the "split" arose in connexion with the policy of the renewal of the farming out of the Chinese freight and passenger business of the Company's steamers. I ask you to keep well in mind that it is the Chinese side of the Company's business with which we are concerned at the moment. Can the European section of the Board hope to appreciate Chinese psychology and interpret Chinese mentality with the same degree of understanding that their Chinese colleagues on the Board do? I am afraid not. The lack of direct personal contact, a complete absence of the knowledge of the language and imperfect acquaintance with Chinese business methods must necessarily place the European members in a position of disadvantage, as compared with their Chinese conferees. The opinion of the latter is, therefore, entitled to greater consideration and must carry greater weight and influence in all matters appertaining to Chinese business.

The Chinese advice to us is that, if the present Chinese farmer were continued in his present strong position, it would be so impregnable with the lapse of years that the Company's independent existence would be placed at the mercy of their own farmer. This fear is not imaginary. It is very real indeed. It has transpired in one of the later stages of the recent negotiations for a compromise between the conflicting views of the Directors that "although the Board was willing to run its steamers on its own account, under conditions which amply protect the Company from being in a worse position than if the existing farming agreement had been adhered to, the Company now proposes to continue the system of farming out to Mr. Woo."

#### Warning Ignored.

Some time ago Sir Robert Ho Tung sounded a note of warning of what might happen: he was ignored. Impending danger now threatens the Company in a very real sense. Sir Robert is very anxious to ward it off. His is not a negligible interest in the Company: it is a very substantial one. So are those of his associates. Sir Robert, Mr. Li Tse-fong and Mr. M. K. Lo hold between them more than one-third the total capital of the Company. They, as men of business, of mature judgment and cool deliberation, are not likely to trifle with their preponderant interest in the Company out of spite. There is a large interest and they are not going to stake it on the cast of the die. Their advice is deliberate and calculating and it would be folly on the part of the shareholders to contemptuously throw it aside as of little moment and unworthy of consideration and acceptance.

Through Sir Robert's action, for which he was thanked by the Board, the present farmer's last tender was increased by \$10,000. It was he who secured a tender from another prospective farmer whose initial offer for the business was slightly better than the present farmer's tender for the first year, and \$12,000, better for the second and third years. Compare the respective values of the security offered by the two rival tenderers. In the case of the present farmer it is only \$200,000. In the case of his competitor it is five times as large, viz., \$1,000,000! And yet, for no convincing reason, the majority directors decided to ignore the new tender with all its greater advantages to shareholders and to afford the present farmer a fresh opportunity to increase his offer so as to enable the directors to award the new contract to him. Pertinently Sir Robert Ho Tung remarks, "the principle underlying the advantage of sealed tenders is defeated."

#### Playing Fast and Loose.

I can only attribute to a considerate moderation the absence of an outburst of indignation against a deliberate policy of playing fast and loose with the minority directors in the vacillation that has made itself felt as such a pronounced feature of the conduct of negotiations by the majority directors, and which must be decidedly annoying, to put it mildly, to the minority group. There was patient endurance when the minority agreed to consent to a postponement of this meeting from the 23rd December last till to-day order that negotiations for a compromise might take place. The counsel of moderation on the part of the minority directors was rewarded in the end with the intimation on the 6th February, that "any change in the present system of farming of the Steam-

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## RAIN LATER.

The Royal Observatory reports that an anticyclone is central over North China. The northern depression has passed to the east of

Tokyo. The southern depression is moving E.S.E. toward Hainan. The forecast till noon to-morrow is:—East winds, moderate; generally overcast, with fog; rain later.



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## ON THE ROAD TO WEMBLEY.

### SEMI-FINALS OF THE F.A. CUP COMPETITION.

#### ARSENAL'S SUCCESS.

The draw for the semi-finals of the F.A. Cup Competition was made in London to-day, resulting as follows:

Notts Forest or  
Wednesday v. Huddersfield.  
On Manchester United's ground.  
Arsenal v. Newcastle or  
Hull City.

On Leeds United's ground.  
Matches to be played on March  
22.—*Reuter.*

The records of the clubs still in-  
terested are given below, revealing  
that Newcastle have had the  
easiest and Arsenal, the most dif-  
ficult path to the semi-finals. Ar-  
senal's record is extraordinary  
good—three of their matches have  
been won away from home. The  
Arsenal and the Wednesday will  
be strongly favoured to reach the  
final.

The records are appended:

| Arsenal.                |      |
|-------------------------|------|
| 3rd. v. Chelsea (h)     | 2-0  |
| 4th. v. Birmingham (h)  | 2-2  |
| 5th. v. Birmingham (a)  | 1-0  |
| 4th. v. Sheff. Un. (h)  | 2-1  |
| 6th. v. West Ham (a)    | 3-0  |
|                         | 10-2 |
| Huddersfield.           |      |
| 3rd. v. Bury (a)        | 0-0  |
| 4th. v. Bury (h)        | 3-1  |
| 4th. v. Sheff. Un. (h)  | 2-1  |
| 5th. v. Bradford C. (h) | 2-1  |
| 6th. v. Aston Villa (h) | 2-1  |
|                         | 9-4  |
| Newcastle.              |      |
| 3rd. v. York (h)        | 1-1  |
| 4th. v. York (a)        | 2-1  |
| 4th. v. Clapton (h)     | 3-1  |
| 5th. v. Brighton (h)    | 1-0  |
| 6th. v. Hull (h)        | 1-1  |
|                         | 10-4 |
| Hull City.              |      |
| 3rd. v. Plymouth (a)    | 4-3  |
| 4th. v. Blackpool (h)   | 3-1  |
| 5th. v. Manch. C. (a)   | 2-1  |
| 6th. v. Newcastle (a)   | 1-1  |
|                         | 10-6 |
| Wednesday.              |      |
| 3rd. v. Burnley (h)     | 1-0  |
| 4th. v. Oldham (a)      | 4-3  |
| 5th. v. Bradford (h)    | 3-1  |
| 6th. v. Forest (a)      | 2-2  |
|                         | 12-6 |
| Notts Forest.           |      |
| 3rd. v. Rotherham (a)   | 5-0  |
| 4th. v. Fulham (h)      | 2-1  |
| 5th. v. Sunderland (a)  | 2-2  |
| 6th. v. Sunderland (h)  | 3-1  |
| 6th. v. Wednesday (h)   | 2-2  |
|                         | 14-6 |

## CANTON RIDE.

### SUCCESSFUL FLAT RACE MEETING.

Canton, Mar. 3.  
The Canton Ride held their first flat  
Race Meeting yesterday at Shek  
Shan, about four miles beyond Tung Shan  
to the east of Canton. Some very  
good racing was witnessed and riders  
and spectators alike had a thoroughly  
enjoyable time. The results were as  
follows:

Heavyweight Handicap.—One mile,  
for ponies which have been regularly  
ridden in Canton for a period of not  
less than two weeks prior to this  
meeting. 1st. prize, silver cup pre-  
sented by Mr. G. Hardt, 2nd prize,  
silver cup presented by Mr. M. Gavin.  
Dr. Credner's Doubtful (W. Dohse)  
Miss Clare Hayward's Silver King  
(owner) 1  
Mr. R. T. Crowe's Maori (Miss E. Christensen) 2  
Also ran:—Mr. Wm. Jansson's Caligula (owner) Capt. N. Rob. Bjulke's Solitaire (owner).  
Lightweight Handicap.—One mile,  
for ponies which have been regularly  
ridden in Canton for a period of not  
less than two weeks prior to this  
meeting. 1st. prize, silver cup pre-  
sented by Dr. Credner, 2nd prize, silver  
cup presented by Mr. W. Dohse.  
Mr. K. Kneckelman's Brand  
(owner) 1  
Mr. F. Walek's Zircon II  
(owner) 2  
Mr. J. H. Ferguson's King Con-  
stantine (owner) 3  
Also ran:—Mr. G. Hardt's West-  
lake (owner), Mr. M. Gavin's Bless  
(owner), Mr. Wm. Galloway's Fiji  
(Mr. R. T. Crowe).  
One mile for ponies which have  
started in one of the previous races  
at this meeting. Catch weights.  
1st prize, blue ribbon and silver cup

## CANTON GOLF.

### SCOTLAND WINS OVER ENGLAND.

Canton, Mar. 3.  
Scotland defeated England by 8  
points to 4 in the last of the inter-  
national triangular golf contests  
at Tung Shan, yesterday.  
Scotland had previously defeat-  
ed America by 9½ points to 2½,  
and England had defeated  
America by 7 points to 5.

The matches were played over  
the course of the Tung Shan  
Recreation Club, 18 holes singles  
in the morning, each match count-  
ing one point, and 18 holes four-  
ball foursomes in the afternoon,  
each match counting two points.  
Scotland won four out of six  
singles, thereby securing four  
points for the singles and four for  
the doubles. The result, however,  
was very much closer than the  
margin of points seems to indi-  
cate; in fact, it might have result-  
ed in a draw right up to the 18th  
green. The first pair, England,  
Mr. R. K. Batchelor and Mr. S. M.  
Mayes, were all square on the 17th  
green with Scotland first pair, Mr.  
Wm. Galloway and Captain R. O.  
Rutherford. Mr. Galloway then  
did the 18th in three, one under  
bogey, to secure the match for  
Scotland. Details:

| Singles.                    |   |
|-----------------------------|---|
| England.                    |   |
| Mr. R. K. Batchelor (3 & 1) | 1 |
| Mr. A. E. Quinn             | 0 |
| Mr. F. E. W. Lammert        | 0 |
| Mr. G. C. Kitching          | 0 |
| Mr. S. M. Mayes             | 1 |
| Mr. C. E. Watson (7 & 6)    | 1 |
| Scotland.                   |   |
| Mr. Wm. Galloway            | 0 |
| Mr. J. M. Walker (6 & 5)    | 1 |
| Mr. J. T. Smith (2 up)      | 1 |
| Mr. A. T. Lay (3 & 2)       | 1 |
| Mr. Wm. Stratton (1 hole)   | 1 |
| Captain R. O. Rutherford    | 0 |
|                             | 4 |

| Doubles.                        |   |
|---------------------------------|---|
| England.                        |   |
| Mr. R. K. Batchelor             | 0 |
| Mr. S. M. Mayes                 | 0 |
| Mr. F. E. W. Lammert            | 0 |
| Mr. G. C. Kitching              | 0 |
| Mr. A. E. Quinn                 | 2 |
| Mr. C. E. Watson (4 & 3)        | 2 |
| Scotland.                       |   |
| Mr. Wm. Galloway                | 0 |
| Capt. R. O. Rutherford (1 hole) | 2 |
| Mr. J. T. Smith                 | 2 |
| Mr. A. T. Lay (6 & 5)           | 2 |
| Mr. J. M. Walker                | 0 |
| Mr. Wm. Stratton                | 0 |
|                                 | 4 |

## FANLING GOLF.

### THE CAPTAIN'S CUP COMPETITION.

In the Captain's Cup Competition  
for March, played at Fanling on  
March 1st and 2nd, G. E. Costello  
qualified with a score of 71 (31-40).  
There were 43 entries, and other  
scores were as follows:

|                                  |          |
|----------------------------------|----------|
| A. O. Brown                      | 69-15=74 |
| R. A. Campbell                   | 88-14=74 |
| M. G. Mills                      | 88-13=75 |
| N. Croucher                      | 93-16=77 |
| J. D. Thomson                    | 89-12=77 |
| D. M. MacDougall                 | 85-7=78  |
| E. D. Lawrence                   | 81-3=78  |
| W. J. Clerk                      | 87-9=78  |
| A. E. Lissaman                   | 83-5=78  |
| The Optional Pool was cancelled. |          |

The following will represent the  
Club de Recreio in a hockey match  
against the Hongkong University on  
Wednesday, at King's Park Ground  
at 5 p.m. sharp:—C. Barros, H. R.  
Pinna, D. C. Alves, R. Silva-Netto, F.  
Barros, R. V. Ribeiro, J. M. Alves,  
H. A. Noronha, A. M. Xavier, A. F.  
Eca da Silva and J. A. de V. Soares.

## TENNIS TOURNEY.

### HONDA WINS MATCH EASILY.

Playing sound and entertaining  
tennis, T. Honda won his way  
through the third round of the  
singles championship yesterday,  
when he defeated I.M.A. Razack,  
without the loss of a set.

Although Razack gave a plucky  
display, Honda was not fully ex-  
tended, and was therefore not seen  
at his best. Nevertheless, the  
tennis always reached an interest-  
ing standard, and Razack showed  
promise of better things to come,  
when he has a little more tourna-  
ment experience behind him.

E.C. Fincher enjoyed another  
very easy match to advance into  
the fourth round, his defeat of  
G.H.W. Churchill being accom-  
plished in straight sets. He will  
next have to meet Ng Sze-kwong  
or Ho Ka-lau for right of en-  
try into the semi-final, and can  
look forward to sterner opposition  
than he has had to contend with  
in the earlier rounds.

Several Club championship and  
handicap matches were also de-  
cided, the full results of which  
were:

Open Championship Singles.  
Third round: T. Honda beat I. M.  
A. Razack, 6-2, 6-1, 6-2.  
E.C. Fincher beat G. H. W. Church-  
ill, 6-1, 6-0, 6-1.

Club Championship.

L. Forster beat C. De Bruyn, 6-1,  
6-1.

Handicap Singles "A."  
J. A. Summers (rec. 3/6) beat Dr.  
D. J. Valentine (owe 1/6) 6-4, 6-4.

Handicap Singles "B."  
J. E. Henry (scr.) beat A. C. I.  
Barker (owe 15) 6-2, 6-2.

C. J. M. Martin (owe 2/5) beat M.  
G. Mills (scr.) 6-4, 6-2.

Handicap Doubles.  
Col. Wyatt and Dr. Ride (owe 2/8)  
beat F. H. Ashworth and W. H.  
Walker (rec. 5/8), 7-5, 6-2.

G. E. R. Divett and E. J. R. Mitchell  
(rec. 2/6) beat R. P. Moodie and M.  
D. Scott (rec. 4/8), 6-4, 6-1.

To-day's programme is appended:

Open Singles.  
S. W. Liang v. H. D. Rumjahn.  
J. Barrow v. M. K. Lo.

Open Doubles.  
C. A. L. Rumjahn and J. A. Cas-  
sumbhooy v. H. Owen Hughes and A. D.  
Humphreys.

Club Championship.  
D. S. Green v. A. O. Johnson.  
Handicap Singles "A."  
S. E. Green (owe 15/2) v. D. Ellis  
(rec. 2/8).

Handicap Singles "B."  
R. P. Moodie (scr.) v. J. R. Hinton  
(rec. 2/8).

## A RECORD RACE.

### KOWLOON MARATHON RUN YESTERDAY.

What is claimed to be a record for  
the course was established by Bugler  
White, of the Somerset Light In-  
fantry, who finished first in the an-  
nual marathon race organised by the  
committee of St. Andrew's Club, run-  
ning a distance of approximately  
6½ miles yesterday afternoon.

Bugler White came into prominence  
when he won the premier award at  
the St. Peter's Church marathon race  
recently. He took the lead from the  
start, yesterday, and but for a short  
period during the latter half of the  
distance was always ahead of the  
remainder of the field. He finished  
strongly, and clipped 25 seconds off  
last year's time, which was the fastest  
ever registered, with the exception of  
the inaugural race, when A. Mair  
won in a little over 80 minutes. That  
race, however, is stated to have been  
over a somewhat different course.

#### The Finish.

Twelve of the starters completed  
the course, the only two civilians,  
T. J. Hensley (Police Training  
School), and H. W. Brown (China  
Light and Power) failing to complete  
the distance.

The time of 33 mins. 25 secs. was  
claimed as a record for the distance,  
the previous best being 33 mins.  
50 secs., done by Pte. Baulch  
(Somerset Light Infantry) last year.  
The runners finished in the following  
order:

1. Bugler White (S.L.I.)
2. Pte. Adams (S.L.I.)
3. Marine James (Suffolk).
4. A. B. Sibley (Suffolk).
5. Pte. Childs (S.L.I.)
6. Pte. Earley (S.L.I.)
7. Pte. Paris (S.L.I.)
8. Macdonald (S.L.I.)
9. W. Holden (Serapis).
10. Pte. Rowse (S.L.I.)
11. Pte. Gale (S.L.I.)
12. Gar. Skelton (Royal Artillery).

#### Presentation of Prizes.

At the conclusion of the race the  
prizes were distributed by Mrs.  
Rogers, the wife of the Rev. W. W.  
Rogers.

The judges of the race were the  
Rev. W. W. Rogers, Mr. F. W.  
Stapleton, Capt. R. D. Thomas and  
Lieut. C. G. F. Christian, R.A., while  
the time-keepers were Messrs. J. W.  
and R. Baldwin.

The Scouts of St. Andrew's Troop  
were posted at various points to guide  
the runners.

Members of the St. Joseph's  
College Division of the St. John  
Ambulance Brigade are giving a  
concert in the Li Shek Pang Hall,  
St. Joseph's College, on Saturday  
night commencing at 7.30 p.m., and  
not at 7 p.m. as stated on the in-  
vitation cards.

## RIFT IN STEAMBOAT COMPANY.

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boat Company's steamers may lead  
to eventual breaking up of the  
existing Pool Agreement between the  
Steamboat Company and the  
China Navigation Company." But  
we are told "that there are Agree-  
ments legally binding on both  
Messrs Butterfield & Swire and the  
Company" until 31st December,  
1936.

Gentlemen, Sir Robert has  
dramatically pleaded with us that  
"the company might be captain of  
its own ships and master of its own  
destiny." What a fitting para-  
phrase of William Ernest Henley's  
lines:

"It matters not how strait the gate,  
How charged with punishments the scroll,  
I am the master of my fate,  
I am the captain of my soul."

I plead with you, gentlemen, in  
the words of James Benjamin  
Kenyon, to "Be the proud captain  
still of thine own fate."

To Shake Off Tyranny.

Are we going to be so deaf to  
Sir Robert's appeal, so indifferent  
to our own interests, so subservient  
to the dictates of others, as to  
ignore the logical advocacy of our  
cause and fail to support the  
authors of the resolution before us  
by denying them our loyal support  
and withholding from them our  
vote that will help them to emerge  
triumphant from a contest to which  
they have devoted so much anxious  
time and laboured with such un-  
flinching zeal in order that the Com-  
pany might assert its independence  
and shake off the tyranny of a re-  
lentless force? I cannot for one  
moment imagine that we can do  
otherwise than vote wholeheartedly  
for the resolution moved by Sir  
Robert Ho Tung and seconded by  
Mr. Li Tse-fong. They rely on us  
for it, let us give it to them with-  
out stint and so prove that dilige-  
nce, zeal and watchfulness in our  
cause must have their reward.

Roll Demanded.

Mr. M. K. Lo made a powerful  
speech urging shareholders to  
vote with Sir Robert Ho Tung.

When the resolutions proposed  
by Sir Robert were put to the  
meeting, 24 shareholders voted in  
favour, there being 22 against.

The resolutions were accord-  
ingly carried but the Chairman said  
that in view of the fact that the  
Directors did not approve of the  
resolutions and due to the fact  
that a large number of share-  
holders had not had an oppor-  
tunity of expressing their views,  
he directed that a poll be taken on  
June 24, 1930, at the Company's  
offices.

The meeting then terminated.

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| Empress of Asia June 25   | June 28  | July 1   | July 3   | July 12   |
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| Empress of Asia Sept. 17  | Sept. 20 | Sept. 22 | Sept. 25 | Oct. 2    |
| Empress of Canada Oct. 2  | Oct. 5   | Oct. 7   | Oct. 9   | Oct. 17   |
| Empress of Russia Oct. 15 | Oct. 18  | Oct. 21  | Oct. 23  | Oct. 31   |
| Empress of Asia Oct. 30   | Nov. 2   | Nov. 4   | Nov. 6   | Nov. 14   |
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## AUSTRALIAN DISPUTE.

HIGH COURT REVERSES MR. JUSTICE BEEBY'S AWARD.

Melbourne, Mar. 3. The High Court, by a majority, has decided that Mr. Justice Beeby's second interim arbitration award, to the effect that an interstate dispute existed in the coal-mining industry, arising out of the New South Wales troubles, and that wages should be awarded at the pre-stoppage rates, is legally bad and void.

A Canberra message says Mr. Scullin, commenting on the High Court decision, said it was monstrous that the Commonwealth law could not operate to settle a dispute, of which the effect was felt all over Australia. This, and other High Court decisions, emphasised the need for increased industrial powers for the Commonwealth.—Reuter.

is like a room out of a baroque palace. Two decks high, it is panelled and pillared in dark carved oak. Deep-toned pictures hang above the doorways, a splendid Gobelin tapestry over the fireplace, opposite which an elaborately balustraded double stairway sweeps up to two delightfully secluded little card rooms, gay with cream-coloured walls and fantastic old-rose Chinese pictures.

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Mr. Allan Cameron and Mr. F. Austin retire according to the Articles of Association, but being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

Auditors.—Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming, Incorporated Accountants, and Linstead and Davis, Chartered Accountants, have audited the accounts now presented and offer themselves for re-election.

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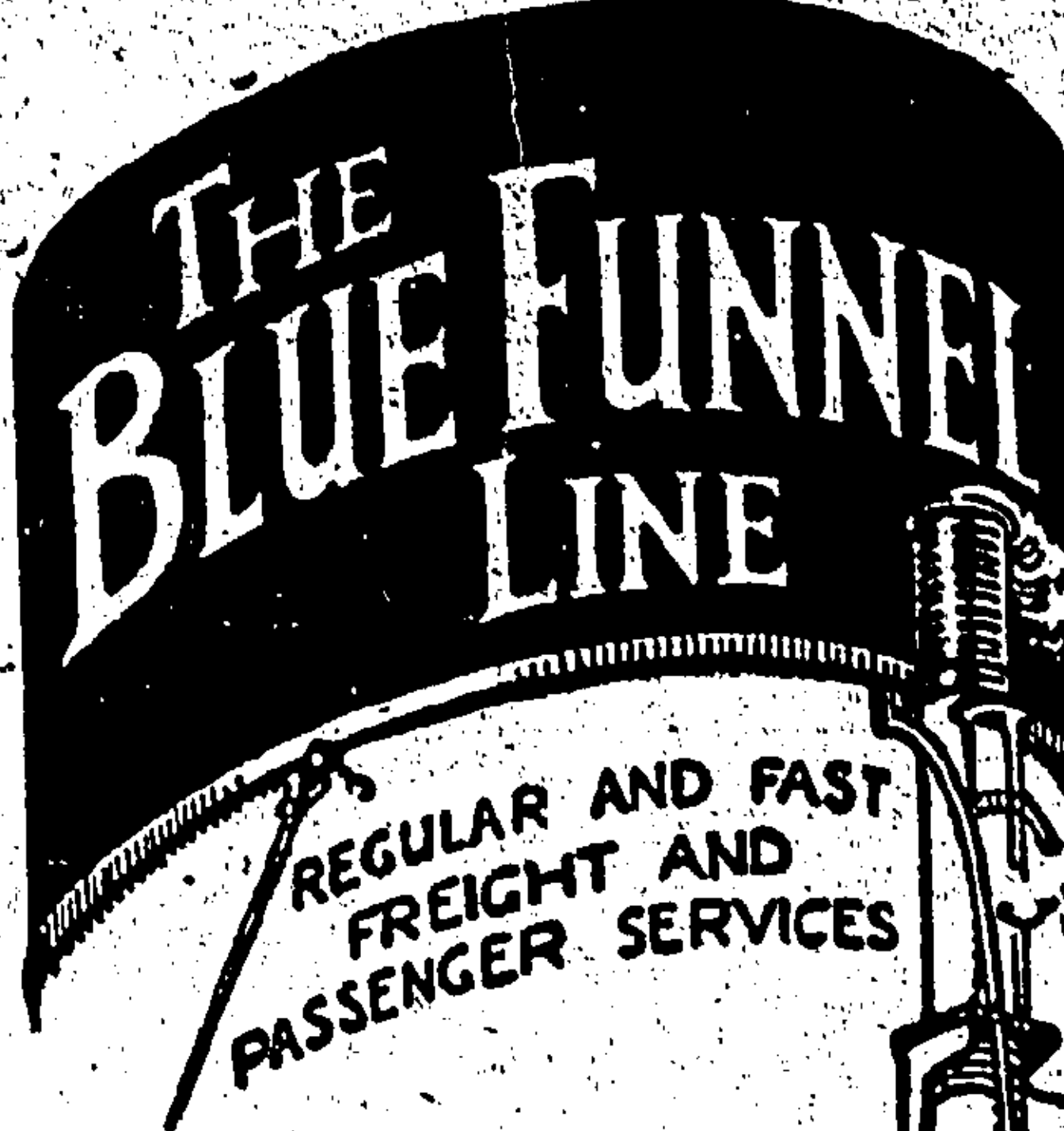
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## PLAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES.

An interesting plan to provide funds and protection for New Territory farmers has been suggested. It provides for control, by the Agricultural Association now being formed, of the Chinese wai system, under which farmers obtain their capital. It is anticipated that in about ten years the interest from the New Territory wais, under the Association's control, would probably pay the expenses of the annual agricultural show.

The plan was suggested by Mr. J. A. Fraser, Vice-Chairman of the New Territories Agricultural Show, at a meeting held at Tung Ying Hok Po, Sir Robert Ho Tung's Experimental Farm, Sheungshui, on Saturday. Plans for the formation of the New Agricultural Association, recently approved by the Government, and for which a grant of \$2,000 annually has been made for current expenditure, were also discussed. The Articles of Association, it is hoped, will be put into official shape before long.

Among the items in the draft constitution of the Association is one under which the Association is to investigate the financial conditions of farmers in the New Territories.

The general advantages of a co-operative credit society in India have been put to the test for some years and found remarkably beneficial to the poor villagers. The principal object of such co-operative credit society is, according to a report received from India, to make it possible for a man, by joining together with other men, to borrow money cheaper than he could by himself. Such a society is useful principally to poor men.

"A poor man by himself," the report explains, "has very little credit, but if 20 men join together people have confidence in them and their credit becomes strong. In forming a co-operative credit society of 20 men it is necessary for each member to stand security for the others. In the event of any member defaulting, each member undertakes to repay the money borrowed by him. This is called unlimited liability."

## Proposed Credit Society.

By joining a co-operative society with unlimited liability each member

is able to borrow money at practically little risk and at a much lower rate of interest than the Chinese Nyan Wai, or money association, can do for its members. So many of these money associations have been started and defaulted from year to year in China, it seems that the co-operative credit system can be introduced to consolidate effectively the resources of the poor under, of course, the control and supervision of the Government.

In connection with this matter, Mr. J. A. Fraser spoke at length. He said that much advantage could be derived by the formation of a co-operative credit society among the villagers in the New Territories. He pointed out that education was lacking and the Association, in its work for the improvement of the general conditions of the farmers, must realize that the material they had in the New Territories was not the best that can be obtained. The standard of education in the New Territories was not so high as that of Hongkong. The reason was that the people must think of their food before education and there was no money available for educational purposes. Since it was the object of the Association to improve the standard of agriculture and living, the Association should take into consideration what he intended to outline.

## Hand to Mouth Living.

As District Officer, Mr. Fraser said that probably he had a greater opportunity of seeing the troubles of the people through his office than many of the others connected with the Association. The main drawback of the people is that many lived from hand to mouth. There is no reserve to call upon at any time. As soon as people fall sick they get into debts, sell their daughters to realize money, or resort to borrowing from a richer neighbour. This state of affairs was found in many countries at one time or other.

Mr. Fraser instanced the case of India which was, according to the speaker, in much the same condition some years ago. There is in China an institution called Nyan Wai, and he wanted the Association to bear that in mind.

## A Chinese System.

In India this question has been well looked after by the British Government, which has tried, and is still trying, to help the condition

of the farmers. There was great poverty in India some years ago and the Indians were fond of borrowing and lending. The British Government had to devise some means of improving conditions. The method hit upon, was founded by a German about a hundred years ago, and although there was great difficulty in the beginning to introduce the central co-operative credit system, the scheme met with success eventually.

It was in the main essentially the same as the Wai system in China. Mr. Fraser went on to say that by means of the Wai the farmer obtained the capital. The members of the Wai were poor people who generally found it difficult to obtain money and often resorted to mortgaging their land. The rate of interest was higher than one man can produce himself—and this was due to the bad results of human nature.

There must be some way to force down the rate of interest and Mr. Fraser said as a rule interest could only be kept down if the lender was satisfied that the security or guarantee was good.

Under the present Wai system, the absconding of the chief or principal generally meant bankruptcy for the members who had no means of getting back their money or of seeking redress. A Wai had all good intentions, but unfortunately the heads are not secured.

## Security Wanted.

If the head was trusted with a good deal of money and found himself unable to pay a complicated situation would arise. But with proper supervision some sort of union could be achieved and the Wai could be brought under some form of control. Perhaps the registration of every Wai, the regular inspection and auditing of accounts, would be one of the best kinds of security for farmers interested in the system.

All these have been done by the Government of India and Mr. Fraser thought it would be a good idea to approach the local Government to do the same thing here. There is no bank in the New Territories where farmers can deposit their money and there is no place where they can put their money except in Wais. A Wai, in fact, served as a sort of a bank without the standing of a bank, not providing the same security as a bank. In many instances the Wai paid more than 100 per cent. interest.

## Former Governor's View.

The Agricultural Association, said Mr. Fraser, having members from all the districts in the New Territories and being in a position to consult all the elders whenever required, should not find it difficult to investigate the standing of the leaders of the Wai, to audit accounts and to inspect their books. Mr. Fraser predicted that in the space of about ten years the interest from the Wai under the control of the Association may perhaps pay for the expenses of the annual show.

Mr. Fraser concluded by stating that he had discussed the question with the late Governor, Sir Cecil Clementi, and the latter had approved of the idea and had mentioned that the Agricultural Association and the Wais would essentially merge into each other and should be inseparable.

The Rev. Mr. H. R. Wells said that the idea would of course, take time to develop, but if it could be established it would be of benefit to the villagers in many respects. Mr. Bush suggested that the

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A question be placed in the hands of a sub-committee to be studied and investigated. If it is found practicable or applicable to conditions in the New Territories recommendation may be made to the Government.

## Election of Officers.

Among other business discussed on Saturday was the question of officers of the new Association when it should be formed. It was decided that in view of the keen interest taken by Sir Robert and Lady Ho Tung in local agriculture, that he should be invited to be a vice-patron of the Association.

The following officers were re-elected to serve the New Territories agricultural show for the ensuing year.

Chairman, The Rev. H. R. Wells; English Secretary, Mr. J. D. Bush; Chinese Secretary, Mr. Ng Sing-eh; Treasurer, Mr. T. P. Tong.

A welcome was extended by the meeting to the following new members, Mr. Andrew Tsze, Mr. J. Russell, Mr. E. L. Clark, Mrs. F. B. Kow, Mr. W. S. V. Curtis, Mr. Ho Wai-sam and Mr. Hoo Fook-ping. The next committee meeting will be held on March 29.

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## OBITUARY.

## DEATH OF A NOTED NOVELIST.

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The death has occurred of the novelist, D. H. Lawrence, at Venice, in the South of France.—*Reuter*.

[The late Mr. David Herbert Lawrence was born in 1885, and early won fame for novels of an unusual nature. His publications also included essays, poems, and drama. He latterly came into prominence owing to the suppression by the British authorities of some of his verse. A great deal was also said, at the time, of his privately-printed effort "Lady Chatterley's Lover," produced in 1928.]

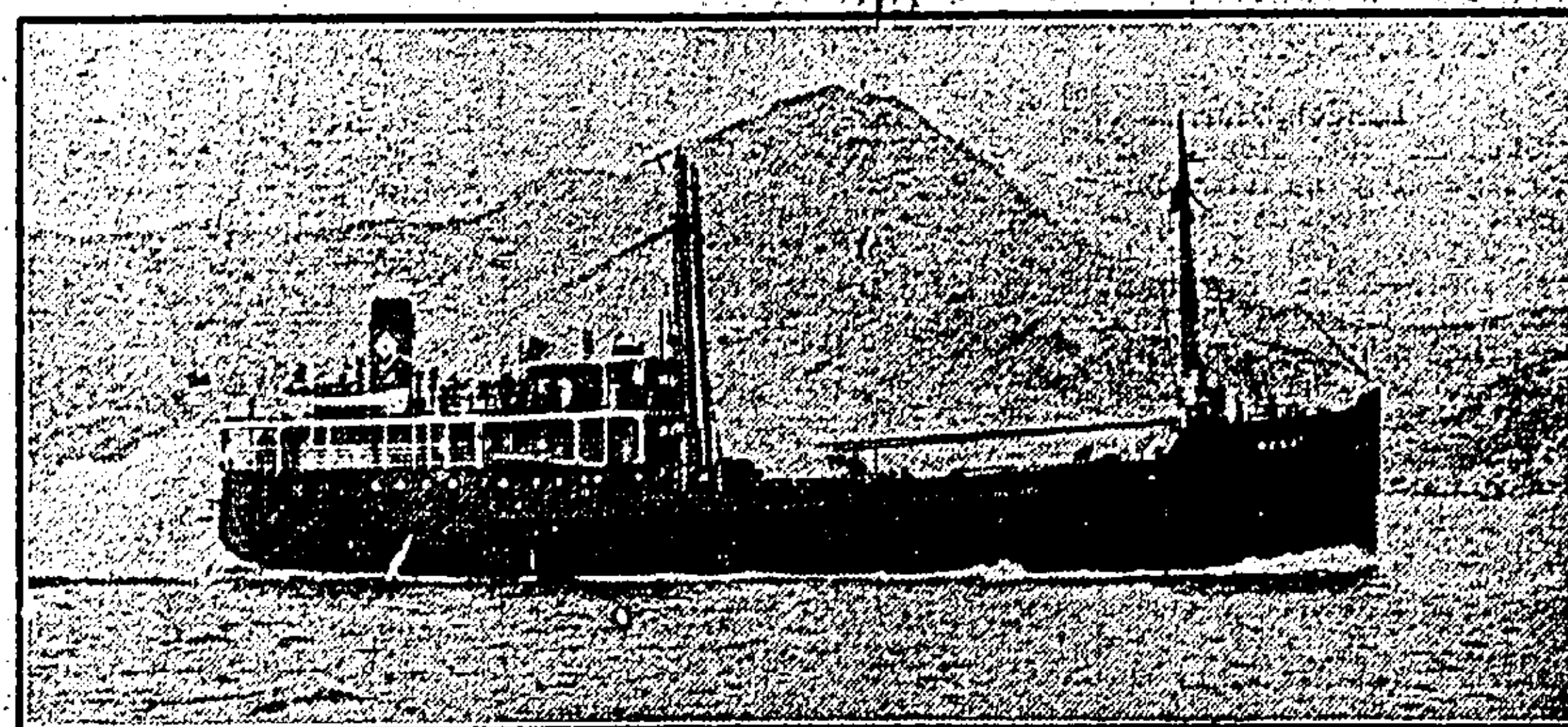
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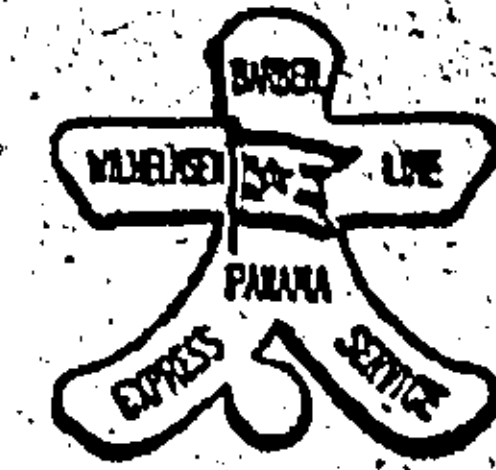
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| TALPORE    | 5,273  | 19th Mar.             | Straits, Colombo & B'bay                 |
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|------------|--------|-----------------|--------------------------|
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| MALWA      | 10,980 | 14th Mar.       | S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko |
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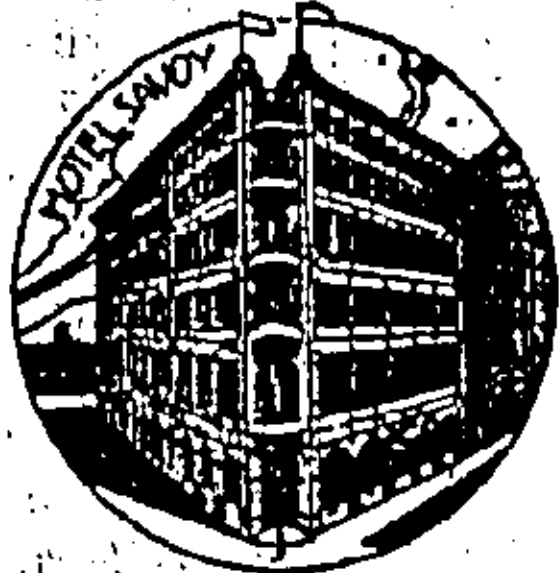
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## PRINCE OF WALES' ILLNESS.

REPORTED TO BE MAKING  
"NICE" PROGRESS.

OUT OF BED TO-DAY.

Nairobi, Mar. 3.  
H.R.H. The Prince of Wales is progressing nicely and it is hoped that he will be able to get up soon, possibly to-morrow.

Competent medical opinion here declares that there is no foundation for the anxiety apparently felt in some circles in London.

It is pointed out that if a case of sub-tertian malaria is treated promptly, as has been the case with the Prince of Wales, the attack passes off quickly and the patient soon completely recovers. His Royal Highness will be running no risk by remaining in the country.

With regard to the reports of the use of an aeroplane on the Prince's safari, it is emphasised that this method is never used for the actual spotting of game during a hunt (the impression apparently created).

Aeroplane would be unsuitable for this purpose owing to the noise of their engines which would most certainly scare the animals.

The aeroplane has merely been used quickly to convey news received in Nairobi that elephants had been seen near Voi, to the Prince's hunter, and for the transporting of the Prince's hunter to Voi.—*Reuter.*

## THE SCOTT-SHARKEY FIASCO.

BOXING COMMISSION TO  
TAKE NO ACTION.

Miami, Mar. 3.  
The Boxing Commission has announced that it proposes to take no action in connexion with the complaint of Mr. Jimmy Johnston, Phil Scott's manager, regarding the decision of the referee in the world's championship contest. The decision of the referee (Mr. Lou Magnolia, will stand.—*Reuter's American Service.*

[The fight terminated in a most unsatisfactory manner, Sharkey being awarded the contest in the third round although the evidence of all the critics is that the blow which knocked Phil Scott down was a foul. Scott declares that Sharkey traded throughout on the reluctance of the Englishman to claim a foul. It is now significant that in the film of the fight, that part of the film which would have shown whether or not the blow was a foul has been censored.]

## SIMON COMMISSION REPORT.

EXPECTED TO BE READY  
SOON AFTER EASTER.

London, Mar. 3.  
The Secretary for India, Mr. Wedgwood Benn announced in the House of Commons to-day that Sir John Simon, the Chairman of the Indian Statutory Commission, had informed him that the Commission would be very glad to find themselves able to put their Report in his hands for submission to the King soon after Easter.

No time was being wasted, but the work was so laborious and the range of subjects so large it was as yet impossible to make a definite statement.

Mr. Benn added that arrangements were being made for simultaneous publication of the Report to India and this country.—*British Wireless.*

## BRITAIN & EGYPT.

DELEGATION SHORTLY DUE  
IN LONDON.

London, Mar. 3.  
Questioned in the House of Commons regarding the forthcoming negotiations for an Anglo-Egyptian Treaty, the Foreign Secretary said:—"The Egyptian delegation will be headed by the Egyptian Prime Minister and will, it is understood, include the Ministers for Foreign Affairs and Public Works. They are due to arrive in London during the week beginning 24th March."—*British Wireless.*

## TARIST ADMIRAL PASSES AWAY.

RUSO-JAPANESE WAR  
RECALLED.

Mentone, Mar. 3.  
The death has occurred of Admiral Ivan Gregorovitch, the last Minister of Marine under the Tsarist regime in Russia. He was responsible for the renovation of the Russian Navy after the Russo-Japanese War.—*Reuter.*

## FUTURE OF NAVAL CONFERENCE.

FRENCH RETURN EXPECTED  
ON THURSDAY.

AN AMERICAN DEBATE.

London, Mar. 3.  
If, as is generally expected, M. Tardieu's new Government receives the confidence of the French Chamber on Wednesday, the French delegates will cross to London on the following day and the full proceedings of the Naval Conference will be resumed on Friday.

A meeting of the heads of the delegation in London, which the French Ambassador, M. Fleuriot, will attend, will be held to-morrow morning.

The Experts Committee, who have been considering special vessels and are meeting to-day, have concluded their report which will be presented to the First Committee when all the Conference delegates re-assemble.—*British Wireless.*

Washington, Mar. 3.  
A discussion on the naval conference took place in the Senate to-day, Senator McKellar, a Democrat, proposing that the American delegation should be recalled! He was opposed by members of

## BRITISH WARSHIPS AND WEIHAWEI.

Facilities Provided by New  
Agreement.

RENEWAL PROVISION.

London, Mar. 3.  
In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Arthur Henderson was asked whether in the impending agreement concerning Weihaiwei a clause was being inserted to enable British warships in Far Eastern waters to use that port for the purposes of health and for exercising the ships and their crews.

He replied that the draft agreement reached between the British Minister and the Chinese Foreign Minister for consideration by the two Governments contained a clause providing for such facilities for a period of years, which might be renewed by agreement.—*British Wireless.*

his own party including Senator Swanson, of Virginia, and Senator George, of Georgia, who hoped that the delegation would continue their efforts for a reduction of the parity figures, and not be discouraged by apparent difficulties. A nation-wide appeal for a reduction and not merely a limitation, of naval armaments, has been cabled to the American delegation in London on behalf of over twelve hundred prominent men and women, including the presidents of over two hundred of the largest colleges and Universities and the Governors of eight States, as well as a number of well-known churchmen and business men.—*Reuter's American Service.*

## TWELVE GOALS IN A MATCH.

BLACKBURN'S REMARKABLE  
VICTORY.

London, Mar. 3.  
Postponed English league matches, played to-day, resulted as follows:

|                         |              |
|-------------------------|--------------|
| First Division.         |              |
| Sheffield Un.           | 5 Blackburn  |
| Second Division.        |              |
| Southampton             | 0 Millwall   |
| Third Division (South). |              |
| Merthyr                 | 1 Q. P. R.   |
| Newport                 | 2 Brighton   |
| Third Division (North). |              |
| Stockport               | 5 Hartlepool |

## ANOTHER DEATH IN U.S. BLAZE.

NEW ORLEANS WAREHOUSE  
FIRE DISASTER.

New Orleans, Mar. 3.  
One of the victims of yesterday's spectacular blaze on the waterfront has since died of his injuries. The toll of the blaze is now officially stated to be: Two killed, and twelve injured.

The fire swept the wharves and warehouses on the riverfront, the damage being estimated at \$500,000. About thirty thousand bales of cotton were totally lost, and a hundred thousand damaged.—*Reuter's American Service.*

## UNEMPLOYMENT IN AMERICA.

ALARMING FIGURES QUOTED  
IN CONGRESS.

WORSE THAN BRITAIN.

Washington, Mar. 3.  
In the course of the debate in the Senate on the growing figures of unemployment, which have apparently reached a position more alarming than in Britain, a Senator accused President Hoover and his Administration of "playing politics" with unemployment. He warned the House that "poverty, disaster and rebellion" would result unless the President and Congress co-operated to solve the problem.

Senator La Follette, of Wisconsin, declared that the scares over the Communist demonstrations were attempts by the Government to divert attention from the real issue, which was unemployment.

A number of speakers challenged the accuracy of the Government's statistics, purporting to show an improvement in the situation.

The debate was opened by a Republican, Senator Brookhart, who estimated the unemployed at between three and six millions, and who made an appeal for Government assistance.

In order to relieve the "serious danger" of widespread unemployment in the United States, he asked Congress to vote \$10,000,000, and also take measures to combat the "revolutionary calls for mass demonstrations of the unemployed" said to be issued by the Communists.

The Federation of Labour states that unemployment in February reached a danger point, with twenty-two per cent. of organised labour idle. Forty-three per cent. of the building trade employees have laid off.

The situation has since improved slightly.—*Reuter's American Service.*

## THE RIVER SEVERN BARRAGE.

GOVERNMENT INVESTIGATING  
THE SCHEME.

London, Mar. 3.  
In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Herbert Morrison, Minister of Transport, made a statement regarding the proposals for a barrage on the River Severn.

He said preliminary investigations had been concluded and July last the sub-committee reported that they were satisfied regarding the practicability of constructing the barrage. The Government, however, had to be satisfied there was a *prima facie* case for going a step further, and arrangements were now being made for the preparation of the scheme, with estimates of the capital cost involved and the amount of electricity which might be expected to be generated.

The Government was not committed in any way, but regarded the proposition as of very great importance.—*British Wireless.*

## DUTCH FLIGHTS IN INDIA.

DELAY QUESTION RAISED  
IN COMMONS.

London, Mar. 3.  
In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Wedgwood Benn was questioned regarding the causes of delay in granting permission to the Dutch air service to Batavia to carry out a further series of flights over that portion of the route which lies over Indian territory.

He replied that it has not yet been possible to authorise regular services across India, owing to the incompletion of the ground organisation, though some trial flights had been permitted. The question of permitting further flights was now under reference to the Indian Government.—*British Wireless.*

## YAUMATHI RAID.

CHEMICAL PREPARATIONS  
SEIZED.

Detective Inspector Fallon, accompanied by Sergeant Fowle and the Government Analyst, Mr. E. R. Dovey, carried out an important raid at Yaumathi yesterday, by virtue of a warrant taken out under the Pharmacy and Poisons Ordinance.

The house raided is a new building situated between Jordan and Austin Roads. Four bottles of some sort of chemical preparation were seized on the first floor, and these have since been removed to the laboratory of the Government Analyst for examination.

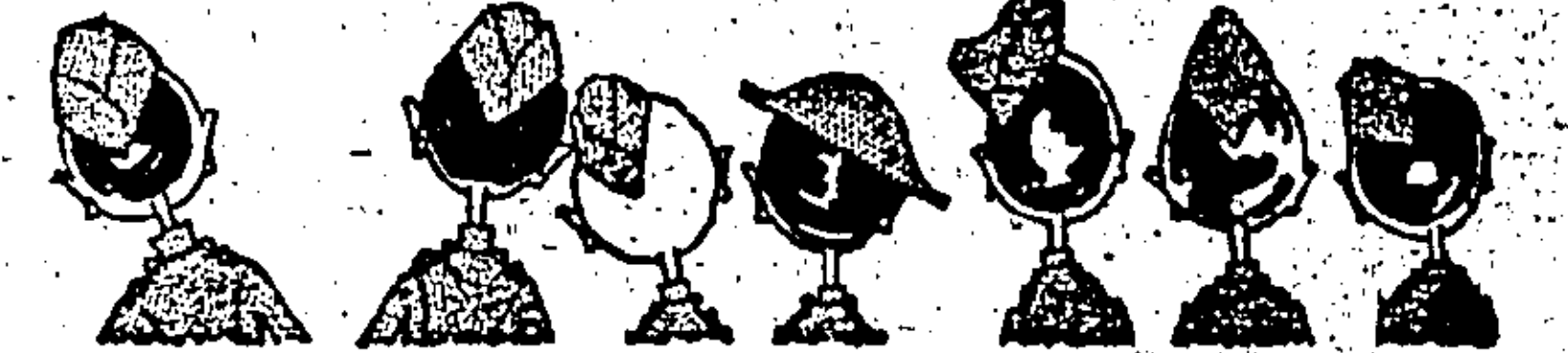
No mention of any arrests is made in the official report issued this morning.

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